























ANNUAL REPORTS  
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TOWN CLERK.  
JOSEPH B. HEALD.

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SELECTMEN.  
GEORGE T. DAY, ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN.

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ASSESSORS.  
ASAPH B. CUTTER, WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,  
ISAAC E. DAY.

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.  
EDWARD PRESCOTT, ISAAC W. CARKIN,  
EDWIN GOULD.

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TOWN TREASURER.  
JOSEPH B. HEALD.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.  
ALVIN G. POLLEY, HIRAM DANE,  
JOHN WILSON, J. SIDNEY MOULTON,  
FREDERICK A. FISHER, ARTHUR WRIGHT.



## COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ISAAC E. DAY.

## CONSTABLES.

ISAAC E. DAY,  
C. R. P. DECATUR,  
GEORGE REED,

WILLIAM M. LEE,  
JOHN J. DUNN,  
JOHN LANKTREE.

## FENCE VIEWERS.

WILLIAM KITTREDGE,  
WAYLAND F. BALCH.

ALVIN G. POLLEY,

## APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT POOR FARM.

ARTEMAS W. CUMMINGS,  
WILLIAM M. WHITNEY.

BENJAMIN PALMER,

## LIBRARIAN.

CLARA M. WILEY.

## DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY.

MRS. JOHN W. ABBOT,                      WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,  
FREDERICK A. FISHER.

## WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, ETC.

J. B. FLETCHER,  
J. M. FLETCHER,  
S. H. FLETCHER,  
ARTHUR WRIGHT,  
A. J. ABBOT,  
W. W. JOHNSON,  
N. H. WRIGHT,  
J. A. HEALEY,

E. A. HAMLIN,  
S. A. HAMLIN,  
JACOB SMITH,  
G. W. HEYWOOD,  
W. C. EDWARDS,  
J. W. DAY,  
C. E. WHIDDEN,  
A. F. CAMERON,

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER, ETC.

C. L. FLETCHER,  
 GILMER STONE,  
 JACOB SMITH,  
 THOMAS DREW,  
 G. H. PRESCOTT,  
 E. A. HAMLIN,  
 CYRUS HAMLIN,  
 W. W. JOHNSON,

T. E. SYMMES,  
 C. E. WHIDDEN,  
 G. A. PERHAM,  
 A. S. REED,  
 W. C. EDWARDS,  
 J. A. HEALEY,  
 F. H. LEWIS.

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## JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

JOSEPH H. WILSON.

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## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

TRUE A. BEAN.

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## FIELD DRIVERS.

HENRY CHAMBERLIN,  
 JERRY SULLIVAN,  
 J. WILLARD FLETCHER,  
 FRANK L. FURBUSH,  
 FRED A. SWEATT,  
 HAMMET D. WRIGHT,  
 WILLIAM M. WHITNEY,

HERBERT V. HILDRETH,  
 ALLAN C. SARGENT,  
 FRED SPAULDING,  
 HUGH DALEY,  
 JULIAN HILDRETH,  
 CHARLES W. HARRIS.

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## CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES.

WILBERT E. PARSONS.



# MARRIAGES,

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1886.*

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Jan. 20..	Hammet D. Wright....	29	Westford .....	Westford.
	May Emma Chandler...	22	Tyngsboro....	Iowa.
Jan. 27..	David A. Polley.....	23	Chelmsford....	Haverhill.
	Ada M. Day.....	21	Westford .....	Westford.
Feb. 10..	William H. Wood.....	26	Merrimac .....	Derry, N. H.
	Minnie B. Riddick....	20	Westford .....	Milton, Vt.
Feb. 24..	Hugh Daley .....	27	"	Reading.
	Kate Dufort .....	22	"	Canada.
Mar. 31..	Fred L. Hodgman.....	21	Carlisle.....	Lowell.
	Mary E. Butterworth...	20	Westford .....	Westford.
May 1...	David C. Harris.....	21	"	Ohio.
	Minnie A. Powell .....	18	"	England.
May 1...	James S. Hughes.....	22	"	"
	Melissa A. Pruvost....	22	"	Barrington, R. I.
May 6...	Douglas C. Smith.....	22	Littleton.....	Nova Scotia.
	Abbie I. M. Hutchins..	23	Westford .....	Westford.
June 14..	George A. Lambert....	29	Bermuda.....	Nantasket.
	Alice M. Keyes.....	24	Westford .....	Westford.
June 15..	Warren J. Gould .....	25	"	"
	Lizzie Jeffries.....	27	Lowell .....	Bradford, Me.
June 30..	Samuel Warner.....	26	Westford .....	Princeton, N. J.
	Ida Sargent.....	23	"	Westport, N. Y.
July 7...	Joseph B. Brown.....	38	Campton, N.H.	Thornton, N. H.
	Effie A. Sweetzer.....	22	Westford .....	Westford.
Sept. 30.	Lyman E. Wilkins.....	28	Boston.....	"
	Ida M. Osgood.....	24	Westford .....	"
Oct. 13..	John F. Kemp.....	28	Quincy .....	Dorchester.
	Eva L. Nesmith.....	25	Westford .....	Arlington.
Nov. 25..	Edward Q. McColleston,	23	Ayer .....	Groton.
	Ella A. Hutchins.....	19	Westford .....	Westford.
Dec. 22..	Edward A. Hamlin....	27	"	"
	Hattie B. Peters.....	18	"	Lawrence.
Dec. 23..	Herbert W. Sanderson.	28	Shirley.....	"
	Abbie L. Hutchins....	22	Westford .....	Westford.

## BIRTHS,

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1886.*

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan. 17.	Rosie Belle Shugrue.....	Charles F. and Rosanna Shugrue.
Jan. 30	John Austin Healy.....	John A. and Mary A. Healy.
Feb. 1..	Arthur Callahan.....	John F. and Annie Callahan.
Feb. 10.	Edgar Arthur Davis.....	Edwin and Emma M. Davis.
Feb. 19.	Willard Wilkerson.....	Julian and Rachel E. Wilkerson.
Mar. 4..	Erastus B. Lewis.....	Henry R. and Emily Lewis.
Mar. 31.	Frank R. Furbush.....	Frank L. and Maggie C. Furbush.
Apr. 1..	William Hudson Gower...	William and Mary J. Gower.
Apr. 3..	Alexander Couture.....	Charles and Delima Couture.
Apr. 4..	Alice Carnza Abbot.....	Abiel J. and Alice M. Abbot.
Apr. 5..	Allan Willard Carkin.....	Augustine W. and Susie Carkin.
Apr. 7..	Estella Maud Hartford....	George H. and Lizzie J. Hartford.
Apr. 16.	Mabel Jane McDonald....	Angus and Maggie McDonald.
Apr. 23.	Christopher D. Burke.....	Dennis and Abbie Burke.
Apr. 24.	Charlotte Helen Prescott..	Noah and Frances A. Prescott.
May 20.	Gracie May Horne.....	George F. and Abbie J. Horne.
May 25.	Edward Quinn.....	Thomas and Mary J. Quinn.
May 25.	Ellen Maria Taylor.....	John P. and Fanny T. Taylor.
May 30.	Ida May Walkden.....	James A. and Lydia Walkden.
July 6..	Joseph Riley.....	Michael H. and Mary A. Riley.
July 14.	Garret Browne.....	Garret McLaughlin and Mary E. Browne.
July 14.	Frank Browne.....	" " " "
July 26.	Eva Belle Cummings.....	Irving T. and Jennie D. Cummings.
July 28.	Mabel Maria Symmes.....	Thomas E. and Nancy A. Symmes.
July 29	Grace Lavina Fletcher....	J. Willard and Miletta L. Fletcher.
Aug. 23.	Eva Craven.....	Edward and Emily L. Craven.
Aug. 24.	Edith E. Caunter.....	John W. and Elizabeth J. Caunter.
Aug. 25.	Martin Larkin.....	John and Mary Ann Larkin.
Aug. 26.	Levi Clinton Heywood....	George W. and Mary E. Heywood.
Aug. 31.	— Hildreth.....	Julian and Ellen Hildreth.
Aug. 31.	Catherine A. Sheahan.....	Peter A. and Emma M. Sheahan.
Sept. 10.	Bridget Heyer.....	Henry A. and Bridget Heyer.
Sept. 24.	Edna Laura Noyes.....	Charles L. and Georgianna Noyes.
Sept. 29.	Elsie Maria Wilson.....	Joseph H. and Carrie Wilson.
Oct. 1..	Leon Prescott Going.....	Henry K. and Nellie Going.
Oct. 4..	Allan Cameron Whitney..	William M. and Annie M. Whitney.
Oct. 5..	— Johnson.....	Wm. W. and Annie M. J. Johnson.
Oct. 5..	— Johnson.....	" " "
Oct. 6..	Rose Flora Hughes.....	Thomas and Olive L. Hughes.
Oct. 14.	Abbie Blanche Merrill....	David F. and Hattie E. Merrill.
Oct. 16.	Marion Hall.....	Harrison B. and Harriet A. Hall.
Oct. 23.	Alice Mabel Howard.....	Calvin L. and Mary J. Howard.
Nov. 18.	Flora Bell Knox.....	William Bell and Annie Knox.
Dec. 2..	Alice Luella Prescott.....	Nelson L. and Ella M. Prescott.
Dec. 17.	Anna Maria Campbell.....	John and Ellen J. Campbell.
Dec. 21.	Warren Edgar Yapp.....	George and Sarah Yapp.
Dec. 23.	Thomas Francis Flynn....	John and Ellen Flynn.
Dec. 23.	Fred William Leland.....	George A. and Mary Leland.
Dec. 28.	Allan Lawrence Blood....	Charles W. and Flora B. Blood.



## DEATHS,

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1886.*

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.		
		YEARS	MOS.	DAYS.
Jan. 4	Martin Wood	49	10	5
Jan. 8	Maria H. Wiley	65	5	21
Jan. 12	Albert D. Merrill	—	7	—
Jan. 22	Lizzie Driscoll	—	9	—
Feb. 3	Roy D. Morrison	—	2	—
Feb. 15	Charles H. Spaulding	57	1	6
Mar. 5	Nelson Constantino	37	7	—
Mar. 17	Nellie Callahan	20	—	3
Mar. 26	Mabel M. Quinn	2	—	—
Mar. 26	Thomas J. Sherburne	84	—	7
Mar. 27	Thaddeus A. Blodgett	64	5	16
Apr. 2	Michael O'Brien	75	—	—
Apr. 9	Andrew Fletcher	59	8	2
Apr. 12	Patrick Harrington	43	—	—
Apr. 20	Eli Tower	—	—	—
Apr. 22	Ruth A. Boynton	62	8	—
Apr. 23	Allen R. Perham	72	—	—
May 4	Julia L. Spaulding	30	—	—
May 19	Sherman D. Fletcher	75	4	21
May 31	Albert R. Spaulding	23	3	18
Aug. 7	Christopher D. Burke	—	3	15
Aug. 20	Annie Callahan	22	—	—
Aug. 23	Susan P. Leland	83	8	27
Aug. 28	Rose Allard	14	—	—
Aug. 31	— Hildreth	—	—	—
Sept. 16	William H. Gower	—	5	16
Sept. 17	Alice May Clark	—	3	25
Sept. 17	Bridget Heyer	—	—	6
Sept. 19	Alson Tuttle	79	7	27
Sept. 27	Annie M. Coolidge	55	—	—
Sept. 28	Caroline A. Hook	1	—	8
Oct. 5	— Johnson	—	—	—
Oct. 5	— Johnson	—	—	—
Oct. 19	Caroline Brewer	75	8	19
Nov. 2	Daniel J. Sullivan	28	2	12
Nov. 18	Lucy H. Giles	71	6	—
Nov. 24	Sarah O'Brien	67	—	—

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

EAST CAMBRIDGE, Dec 15, 1886.

Received of J. B. Heald, Town Clerk of Westford, \$236.40, on account of Dog Licenses, as per his returns to date.

J. O. HAYDEN, *County Treasurer.*

EAST CAMBRIDGE, Feb. 10, 1887.

Received of J. B. Heald, Town Clerk of Westford, \$22.80, on account of Dog Licenses, as per his return of February 9th, 1887.

J. O. HAYDEN, *County Treasurer.*

## OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED IN 1886.

Gould, G. E.	York, J.	Reed, W. (2)
Hildreth, Julian	Wilkerson, J. (85-86)	Palmer, B.
Cummings, E. M. (2)	Sullivan, F.	Hawkes, W. O.
Wilson, J. H.	Wright, E.	Larkin, J.
Bannister, F.	Burke, D.	Lewis, F. H.
Day, J. E.	Frederick, G. S.	Quinn, J.
Blodgett, L. M.	Marshall, J.	Carmichael, D.
Humiston, S.	McGlincha, J.	Shugrue, Charles
Jolly, W.	Taylor, J. P.	Downes, M. F. (2)
Heald, J. G.	Ingalls, G. W. (2)	Ward, D.
Wilson, J.	Caldwell, O.	Blodgett, L. W.
Clements, J.	Hall, J. H.	Dupee, G. F.
Abbot, A. J.	Perham, A.	Grover, J. C. (2)
Dane, H.	Morrison, J.	Decatur, W. H.
Stone, G.	Agnew, W.	Buckminster, E. F.
Worcester, I. S.	Feeney, J.	O'Brien, J.
Couture, C.	Wright, A. S.	Sheahan, A.
Ireland, G. H.	Day, G. T.	Fletcher, L. T.
Felch, J. H.	Spinner, J.	Moore, E. A.
Hill, G. W.	Bicknell, A.	Davis, A. S.
Fletcher, H. (2)	Blaisdell, A. J.	Whitney, W. M. (2)
O'Brien, C.	Fletcher, B. M.	Prescott, E.
Fletcher, S. D.	Hutchins, J.	Sherman, D. W.
George, R. N.	Griffin, C. M.	Drew, F. C.
Fletcher, H. A.	Sweetzer, J. F.	Millis, G. F.
Whitney, J.	Berry, A.	Hamlin, C.
Decatur, C. R. P.	Giles, I. H.	Wright, C. A.
Carmichael, J.	Meades, D. H.	Hildreth, F. C.
Wright & Bemis	Nesmith, G. W. (2)	Prescott, J. F.
Sargent, F. G.	Martin, F.	Comey, W. S.
Haley, Mrs. J.	Stevens, R.	Catchpole, Herbert
Nutting, B. F.	Desmond, J.	Hamlin, E. A.
Abbot & Co.	Murphy, J.	Hamlin, S. A.
Wing, T.	Fletcher, E. E.	Whitney, J. H.
Craven, E.	Gower, W.	Whitney, Mrs. S. S.
Sweatt, F. A.	Yapp, G.	Whitney, Hiram
Horne, G. F.	Leighton, A.	Reed, W., 2d.
Wyman, W. W.	Whitney, E. J.	Hutchins, S. E.
Searles, C. J.	Hutchins, M. F.	Merrill D.
Callahan, J.	Greig, D.	O'Brien, J.
Quinn, T.	Carkin, G. F.	

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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To balance cash on hand February 16, 1886....	\$1,857 24	
“ cash, County Treasurer, dog tax.....	260 15	
By cash paid on account schools.....		\$ 285 00
“ “ transferred to J. B. Heald.....		1,832 39
	\$2,117 39	\$2,117 39

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WESTFORD, March 4th, 1886.

I have examined the accounts of Sherman D. Fletcher, Esq., from February 16th to date, and find them correct.

ALLAN CAMERON, *Auditor*.

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WESTFORD, Feb. 12, 1887.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF WESTFORD :

GENTLEMEN—I have examined the accounts of Joseph B. Heald, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

The receipts and payments made by him during the year are as follows :

### RECEIPTS.

To balance cash on hand March 4, 1886 .....	\$1,832 39
“ cash borrowed.....	5,000 00
“ “ from state, corporation tax, 1886.....	1,224 14
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1885, balance.....	3 86
“ “ “ “ bank tax, 1886.....	778 19
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1885, balance.....	7 45
“ “ “ “ soldiers' families, 1885.....	590 00

<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	\$9,436 03
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<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$9,436 03
To cash from state, indigent soldiers, 1885.....	267 60
“ “ “ “ school fund, 1885-6.....	177 39
“ “ “ “ armory rent, 1886.....	175 00
“ “ “ County Treasurer, dog tax, 1886....	212 76
“ “ “ I. W. Sprague, licenses.....	150 00
“ “ “ M. F. Downs, “.....	100 00
“ “ “ B. F. Nutting, “.....	100 00
“ “ “ J. Marshall, “.....	100 00
“ “ “ J. H. Wilson, janitor town house.....	70 50
“ “ “ A. Fisher, auctioneer’s license.....	2 00
“ “ “ Town of Groton, scholars to No. 3.....	22 25
“ “ “ M. H. A. Evans, rent Keyes’ Pond.....	1 00
“ “ “ W. I. Kittredge, piping.....	50
“ “ “ J. S. Moulton, books sold, etc.....	14 11
“ “ “ I. E. Day, Collector, 1884.....	734 21
“ “ “ “ “ 1885.....	1,142 65
“ “ “ “ “ 1886, before Oct. 6....	9,744 93
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ Dec. 6....	1,240 75
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ after “....	223 71
“ “ “ “ “ “ interest on taxes.....	35 00
“ “ “ Mechanics Insurance Co., dividend.....	16 00
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	\$23,965 79

## PAYMENTS.

By cash for notes and interest.....	\$7,259 72
“ “ “ state tax, 1886.....	915 00
“ “ “ county tax, 1886.....	550 03
“ “ “ to State Treasurer, licenses.....	112 50
“ “ “ Overseers of Poor.....	1,994 50
“ “ “ on orders for incidental and other ex- penses.....	7,120 24
“ “ “ on account of schools.....	4,004 20
“ “ “ on hand.....	2,009 60
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Total.....	\$23,965 79

NAHUM H. WRIGHT, *Auditor.*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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The Assessors of the Town of Westford submit the following report:

Value of buildings exclusive of land, May 1, 1886....	\$461,631 00
“ “ land “ “ buildings, May 1, 1886	371,300 00
“ “ personal estate, May 1, 1886.....	175,709 00
	<hr/> \$1,008,640 00

Amount raised for town debts and charges..	\$5,000 00
“ “ “ schools.....	4,000 00
“ “ “ roads and bridges.....	2,000 00
“ “ “ books and supplies.....	400 00
“ “ “ repairing road in the centre of the town...	300 00
“ “ to repair the Carlisle road,	600 00
“ “ “ purchase road machine..	200 00
“ “ for county tax.....	550 03
“ “ “ state tax.....	915 00
“ “ “ overlayings.....	47 40

Total amount assessed.....\$14,012 43

Tax on one hundred dollars, \$1.29.

Number of polls.....	506
“ “ dwelling houses.....	447
“ “ horses.....	341
“ “ cows.....	649
“ “ neat cattle other than cows.....	198
“ “ sheep.....	7
“ “ swine.....	91

ASAPH B. CUTTER,  
ISAAC E. DAY,  
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,

*Assessors of Westford.*

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

### TOWN TREASURER.

S. D. Fletcher, salary as town treasurer, for year ending March 1, 1886.....	\$50 00	
Time and expense insuring library and Parker-ville school house.....	1 50	
	<u>          </u>	\$51 50

### TOWN CLERK.

J. B. Heald, salary as town clerk .....	\$12 00	
Going to Groton to count votes.....	2 50	
Copying for town report.....	2 00	
Recording marriages, births and deaths.....	37 60	
Dog license blanks.....	50	
Postage and express.....	3 86	
	<u>          </u>	\$58 46

### SELECTMEN.

George T. Day, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Making out monthly State aid book.....	6 00	
Making out 24 State aid returns, under Chaps. 252 and 301, Acts 1879, Public Statutes...	6 00	
Making out town report.....	6 00	
“ “ return to fire insurance commis-sioner.....	1 00	
Time spent in perambulating town line be-tween Westford and Groton, Carlisle and Acton.....	6 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads.....	25 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	25 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$80 00
A. P. Richardson, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Perambulating town line between Westford and Groton, Carlisle, Acton and Tyngsboro,	8 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads.....	20 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	25 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$58 00



Isaac W. Carkin, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Perambulating town line between Westford and Tyngsboro.....	2 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads.....	12 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$34 00

## ASSESSORS.

A. B. Cutter, 25 days' time taking invoice and making taxes.....	\$62 50	
William L. Kittredge, 28 days' time taking invoice and making taxes.....	70 00	
Isaac E. Day, 23½ days' time taking invoice and making taxes.....	58 75	
	<hr/>	\$191 25

## TAX COLLECTOR.

Isaac E. Day, collecting \$13,448.75, at 1 per cent ,	\$134 48	
Dog tax.....	10 50	
Poll taxes.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$149 98

## CONSTABLES.

I. E. Day, posting warrants for four town meetings.....	\$16 00
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## BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

F. L. Fletcher, attending five meetings.....	\$7 50	
W. O. Hawkes, " four ".....	6 00	
G. J. Wright, " five ".....	7 50	
J. B. Heald, " " ".....	7 50	
" preparing and posting notices and vot- ing lists.....	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$35 50

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. S. Moulton, superintendent winter term, 1885-6.	\$50 00	
Making school report.....	10 00	
" return to State.....	2 00	
Services as book agent.....	8 00	
" transporting books.....	1 75	
Superintendent spring term, 1886.....	50 00	
" fall " 1886.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$171 75

ORDERS DRAWN BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

April.....	by order.....	\$360 10
May.....	" .....	312 50
" .....	" .....	147 48
June.....	" .....	104 75
" .....	" .....	151 24
August.....	" .....	183 77
" .....	" .....	85 35
October .....	" .....	100 74
November....	" .....	299 81
December....	" .....	144 00
February ....	" .....	104 76
		<hr/> \$1,994 50

EXPENSE OF THE TOWN LIBRARY, INCLUDING SER-  
VICES OF LIBRARIAN.

Paid Clara M. Wiley, for services as librarian from January, 1886, to April, 1886.....	\$ 18 00
Clara M. Wiley, for services as librarian from April, 1886, to January, 1887.....	45 00
Clara M. Wiley, for covering and entering new books.....	5 50
Clara M. Wiley, for moving books.....	2 00
Eliza A. Babbitt, making out report and cata- logue.....	3 00
Printing 500 lists of books.....	6 80
Directors in April.....	150 00
“ December.....	50 00
“ February, 1887, from money re- ceived for dog licenses.....	100 00
	<hr/> \$380 30

TOWN HOUSE.

EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING AND CARE OF SAME.

Paid J. H. Wilson, services as janitor from February, 1886, to April, 1886.....	\$12 50
J. H. Wilson, services as janitor from April, 1886, to February, 1887.....	42 00
J. H. Wilson, for sawing 3 cords wood.....	4 50
Jacob Smith, for 1 cord wood.....	4 50
W. W. Johnson, for pine and oak wood.....	5 89
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<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$69 39</i>

<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$69 39	
Wm. M. Vose, for 1 cord oak wood.....	5 50	
Whithed & Co., for 2070 lbs. furnace coal....	6 96	
W. W. Johnson, 21,192 lbs. furnace coal, at 6.00,	63 58	
J. M. Fletcher, for 65 gallons oil.....	8 45	
“ “ brackets and screws.....	14	
“ “ mucilage....	30	
“ “ chimneys,wicks, globe, etc.	1 25	
“ “ 2 locks.....	1 12	
Repairing lanterns.....	30	
Sawdust.....	1 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for 58 gals. oil.....	6 96	
“ “ “ chimneys, wicks, burn- ers, etc.....	9 18	
	<hr/>	\$174 13

## INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory due from the State.....	\$175 00	
Received from J. H. Wilson, janitor.....	70 50	
	<hr/>	\$245 50

## PRINTING.

Paid Campbell & Hanscom, for printing valuation of town.....	\$77 00	
Morning Mail Co., printing 600 copies town report .....	72 45	
“ “ “ printing 800 yes and no votes on license ques- tion .....	1 75	
“ “ “ book for town clerk.....	6 00	
“ “ “ printing tax bills.....	5 75	
“ “ “ “ receipts, posters, etc., as per bill .....	18 80	
Vox Populi Office, printing 500 school reports,	33 60	
	<hr/>	\$215 35

## EXPENSE OF INSURANCE.

Paid Arthur Fenner, for renewal of insurance on Town House.....	\$100 00	
“ “ “ insurance on Forge Vil- lage school house.....	75 00	
“ “ “ ins' r'nee on Stony Brook school house.....	36 00	
H. C. Church, for insurance on town house...	90 00	
Traders & Mechanics Ins. Co., for insurance on old school house, Graniteville.....	40 00	
Geo. W. Coburn, for insurance on Nabnasset school house.....	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$365 00



## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid T. A. Blodgett, appraising property at town farm, 1885-6.....	\$4 00
A. W. Cummings, appraising property at town farm, 1885-6.....	4 00
A. P. Richardson, attending thirty funerals with hearse.....	60 00
Marshall & Hamblett, for legal services.....	100 00
J. M. Fletcher, appraising property at town farm, 1886.....	2 00
J. M. Fletcher, for making out report of appraisal for 1884-5-6.....	3 00
Thomas E. Symmes, for surveying Bear Hill.....	3 50
Thomas E. Symmes, for drawing plans and setting stakes on Bear Hill.....	15 55
Thomas E. Symmes, for surveying road at Graniteville and making plan, from Abbot & Co.'s mill to Gregg's Corner.....	4 50
J. D. McLeod, blacksmithing.....	3 90
T. Magovern, shoe peddler, for damage to his wagon by being upset at corner of road near house of J. Counter, Graniteville...	30 00
George Tyler, of Boston, for one Victor road machine.....	215 00
postage for town officers.....	3 55
Hugh Mills, work at East Burying Ground...	6 00
Otis Keyes, repairs at hearse house.....	1 00
Alvan Fisher, building wall against his land, where gravel was removed for road purposes, as per agreement.....	25 00
A. Bohonon, for labor and hardware for repairs at town house.....	8 35
S. H. Nutting, work at No. Burying Ground.....	5 00
J. T. Colburn, work at W. Burying Ground...	6 50
J. M. Fletcher, for paper, envelopes, stamps, etc., for town officers.....	9 81
J. T. Colburn, for meadow hay to cover trench in road.....	2 98
J. H. Wilson, for trimming and lighting lanterns for safeguard on road.....	2 00
for express, telephone, etc.....	3 75
Wm. Haskell, for blanks for town house keys and fitting same.....	1 00
Luther W. Blodgett, for land at fork of roads near house of J. Counter, Graniteville...	40 00
for writing and recording deed of same.....	1 65
J. H. Whitney, removing brush and cleaning common.....	2 00

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*Amount carried forward.....* \$564 04

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$564 04
Paid J. W. Day, teaming lumber from Stony Brook school house to Centre school house.....	1 50
Wright & Bemis, for powder, fuse, etc.....	3 76
N. B. Robbins, Littleton, coffin for P. Harrington.....	12 00
expense of procuring coffin for P. Harrington and removing body to depot.....	3 00
for liquor and innholders' blanks for licenses..	2 60
B. & L. R. R., freight, express, etc., on road machine.....	3 21
C. E. Whidden, assisting in putting together road machine.....	85
B. & L. R. R., telephone and express charges, as per bill .....	2 98
J. B. Heald, M.D., returning 29 births, according to Sec. 1, Chap. 158, Pub. Stat.....	7 25
W. C. Edwards, labor, as per bill.....	2 20
Wright & Fletcher, sundries, as per bill.....	12 69
	<hr/> \$616 08

## REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND ARTICLES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

### CENTRE SCHOOL HOUSE.—TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, for broom.....	\$0 35
“ “ for 6 boxes crayons.....	1 20
Wright & Fletcher, brooms, etc.....	80
for cleaning school rooms.....	1 25
for repairing locks, glazing, etc.....	4 50
C. Zimmer, for two door keys.....	40
George Drew, for repairs.....	5 00
	<hr/> \$13 50

### STONY BROOK SCHOOL.

Paid A. G. Polley, for removing stove from Graniteville, and setting up same.....	\$2 00
C. W. Blood, for labor and material setting up stove.....	2 45
J. M. Fletcher, for crayons, broom, pail, etc..	1 11
“ “ for axe.....	1 00
for repairing clock.....	1 00
A. G. Polley, for repairs, grading, etc.....	1 25
Wright & Fletcher, for crayons, ink, etc.....	45
George Drew, for labor and material.....	75
	<hr/> \$10 01

## FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOL HOUSE.—TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, for crayons.....	\$0 20	
for grading.....	2 75	
George Drew, for labor and material.....	3 75	
C. W. Blood, for stove pipe and labor, 1885..	2 75	
	<hr/>	\$9 45

## NASHOBA SCHOOL.

Paid for repairing fence.....	\$4 25	
J. M. Fletcher, for crayons.....	20	
P. G. Collins, for stove pipe, etc.....	2 70	
George Drew, for labor and material.....	4 10	
Wright & Fletcher, for brooms, etc.....	42	
	<hr/>	\$11 67

## PARKERVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, for crayons, pail, etc.....	\$0 75	
for repairing fence.....	2 75	
P. G. Collins, for repairing pump, etc.....	75	
George Drew, for labor and material.....	2 55	
	<hr/>	\$6 80

## MINOT'S CORNER SCHOOL.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for crayons, broom, etc.,	\$0 92	
J. M. Fletcher, for crayons .....	20	
for repairing fence.....	2 20	
George Drew, for labor and material....	4 58	
	<hr/>	\$7 90

## NABNASSET SCHOOL.

Paid for repairing blackboards.....	\$3 00	
for crayons and broom.....	1 00	
A. G. Polley, for repairs, broom, etc.....	1 35	
George Drew, for labor and material.....	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$7 10

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR SCHOOL.

Paid for three settees.....	\$3 00	
for hanging curtains, etc.....	1 25	
Hiram Dane, for cleaning out well.....	2 50	
C. W. Blood, for stove pipe, zinc, labor, etc..	12 61	
Wright & Fletcher, for broom, crayons, etc..	1 10	
	<hr/>	\$20 46

## LYON SCHOOL.

Paid for repairing locks, knobs, glass, etc.....	\$2 25	
Wright & Fletcher, for broom, etc.....	65	
	<hr/>	\$2 90



## GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE.—THREE SCHOOLS.

Paid F. O. Stiles, for oiling desks.....	\$1 75	
for setting glass.....	50	
J. P. Felch, for labor, as per bill.....	2 50	
F. O. Stiles, for setting glass.....	2 25	
George Drew, for labor and material.....	1 00	
I. W. Carkin, for going to Chelmsford twice, about pump.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$9 50

## EXPENSE OF WELL AT GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE.

By vote of the town the Selectmen were authorized to cause a well to be dug at the school house in Graniteville, and the work was let to John A. Haley, his bid being the lowest, \$3 per foot, to dig, stone, and furnish covering stone. The depth of the well is  $16\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

Total expense..... \$49 50

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Paid Boston School Supply Co., readers, arith- metics, histories, etc.....	\$115 44	
C. H. Whiting, geographies, primers, etc....	36 90	
Harrison Hume & Co., readers, etc.....	48 45	
Cowperthwaite & Co., readers, primers, etc...	88 34	
Ginn & Co., arithmetics, etc.....	24 08	
Wm. Ware & Co., histories.....	17 68	
Prang Educational Co., drawing cards, etc...	7 34	
Clark & Maynard, graded lessons.....	5 40	
Adams & Co., 1 chair.....	85	
“ “ 6 mats.....	7 60	
J. M. Fletcher, 1 dozen Stafford's ink.....	5 50	
Shea & McOsker, window shades.....	23 80	
R. L. Page, repairing blackboards.....	25 50	
C. E. Whidden, express, cartage, etc.....	5 05	
W. H. Spaulding & Co., window shades.....	3 85	
J. S. Moulton, express on books.....	2 30	
Sherman & Manning, window shades.....	21 00	
C. Zimmer, 1 key.....	25	
F. A. Frost & Co., printing.....	2 00	
W. P. Adams, third readers.....	2 94	
Lee & Shepard, record books.....	5 00	
Carroll W. Clarke, report cards, etc.....	11 95	
Leach, Shenell & Co., lessons.....	1 38	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., arithmetics.....	6 29	
Geo. F. King & Merrill, paper, etc.....	4 80	
Appleton & Co., History Illustrated.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$476 69

## STATE AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

*As Authorized by Chap. 252, Acts of 1879.*

Paid—January.....	\$59 00	
February.....	44 00	
March.....	44 00	
April.....	44 00	
May.....	56 00	
June.....	36 00	
July.....	46 00	
August.....	36 00	
September.....	36 00	
October.....	36 00	
November.....	36 00	
December.....	36 00	
		<hr/> \$509 00

## STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES.

*As Authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1879.*

Paid—January.....	\$47 50	
February.....	47 50	
March.....	51 50	
April.....	51 50	
May.....	49 50	
June.....	49 50	
July.....	52 50	
August.....	52 50	
September.....	52 50	
October.....	52 50	
November.....	52 50	
December.....	52 50	
		<hr/> \$612 00

## EXPENSE OF LOOKING UP SETTLEMENT OF APPLICANTS FOR STATE AID, 1886.

Paid Charles Brown, Taunton, for looking up settlement of J. Tracy.....	\$6 50	
Eben J. Wilson, Springfield, looking up settlement of Tully.....	6 00	
Orlando Keefe, Brookfield, looking up settlement of applicant.....	6 00	
for certificate of tax collector.....	75	
G. T. Day, going to Boston twice on above cases,	6 00	
G. T. Day, for furnishing team and carrying agent of State Aid Commission, visiting each person drawing state aid in town....	5 00	
for looking up settlement of Wm. Hunter.....	5 50	
		<hr/> \$35 75

Paid town of Blackstone, Mass., as per bill, for support and burial of Thomas Lawler, who drew state aid, and whose settlement was in Westford.....	\$31 75
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### REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Of the amount raised for repairs of roads and bridges and breaking roads, the sum of \$1,485.50 has been paid to H. D. Pierce, Master of Town Farm, for work of self, men and horses. Work of all others, \$1,051.62.

Paid E. Mountain, repairs on road near his store in Forge Village, 1885.....	\$5 00
March.	
G. A. Perham, 12 hours' work removing trees obstructing roads after "ice storm"	1 80
April.	
J. O. Wright, cutting brush.....	7 50
John Clements.....	23 25
Charles Simpson.....	13 50
Alvado Simpson.....	13 25
May.	
John Clements.....	33 75
Charles Simpson.....	32 25
June.	
John Clements.....	33 00
Charles Simpson.....	34 50
Albert King, May and June.....	46 00
E. A. St. Louis.....	19 74
August.	
John Clements.....	36 75
Charles Simpson.....	38 25
Julian Wilkerson, April, May, June and August.....	122 50
J. Desmond, Repairs on bridge.....	11 75
September.	
J. H. Wilson.....	6 25
J. J. Dunn.....	8 50
H. E. Fletcher.....	20 13
October.	
Joseph D. Wilkerson.....	5 25
November.	
Myron J. Woods.....	14 75
W. F. Balch.....	8 00
Isaac Hall, work on "Makepeace Road"....	3 00
Hammett D. and Jephtha Wright, building bridge, north of Jephtha Wright's house.	20 00
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$558 67</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$558 67
Pain John Miller.....	3 00
Dennis Burke.....	1 00
Gilmer Stone, cutting brush on South Road,	10 00
For work on "Makepeace Road".....	2 75

By vote of town, passed at April meeting, \$300 was raised and appropriated to be expended on the roads in center of town. This work was done in September and October, at the following expense:

Paid for gravelling road on south side of common, also a portion of School street, including the relaying and widening of bridges near the house of Miss Thompson, and bridge on road near house of Cyrus Hamlin,	117 00
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Paid for building 150 feet in length of new bridge (including cost of covering stone, \$39.36,) near northwest corner of common, and trenching, filling and grading a portion of Main street.....	305 00
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By vote of the town the Selectmen were authorized to widen and straighten the road in Graniteville from Abbot & Co.'s mill to Dillon's Corner. The work was done in July by the town teams and men, at an expense of.....	200 00
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In October and November the grade of the street leading across the dam in Graniteville was raised; where it has always been in bad condition in wet weather, including work on other streets, at an expense of.....	165 00
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The sum of \$100 was specially raised to widen road near house of John Wilson, and the work was done at an expense of.....	65 00
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Paid for grading Main street from house of A. Bicknell, to house of Mrs. L. Luce....	125 00
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H. D. Pierce and others, for work in winter, 1885 and 1886 .....	37 12
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H. D. Pierce, for work of self, men and teams not included in above statement,	947 58
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\$2,537 12



## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1882, John Coburn.....	\$2 00	
Daniel Dailey.....	2 00	
W. W. Stiles.....	2 00	
1883, George F. Dailey.....	2 00	
John Knowles.....	2 00	
W. W. Stiles.....	2 00	
John Thorne.....	2 00	
1884, Patrick Larkin.....	2 00	
William Lee.....	2 00	
Timothy Leonard.....	2 00	
Layman Lane.....	2 00	
James H. McGlincha.....	2 00	
John McGlinchia.....	2 00	
William McNeil.....	2 00	
Thomas McLoud.....	2 00	
William Mitchell.....	2 00	
R. S. Plaisted.....	2 00	
John Palfreyman.....	2 00	
William Redding.....	2 00	
W. W. Stiles.....	2 00	
W. A. Shepard.....	2 00	
Andrew Smith.....	2 00	
George H. Smith.....	2 00	
David Vickery.....	79	
Joseph F. Woodward.....	2 00	
Henry H. Ford.....	2 00	
Frank P. Goss.....	2 00	
P. H. Hurd.....	2 00	
Clara Hurd.....	3 80	
G. C. Hill.....	2 00	
John Hosmer.....	2 00	
Frank Hayden.....	2 00	
William Jones.....	2 00	
Thomas Knowles.....	2 00	
Michael Keith.....	2 00	
Clarence Webster.....	2 00	
C. F. Burnham.....	2 95	
	<hr/>	\$75 54

THE FOLLOWING TAXES HAVE BEEN ORDERED  
AS ERRORS.

1882, Gilman F. Wright.....	\$22 28
A. C. Wheelock.....	1 35
Robert J. Gardner.....	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<hr/> \$25 63

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$25 63
1883, Erastus Fisk .....	2 00	
Fred Mountain .....	2 00	
Estate of C. A. Wheeler .....	2 16	
A. C. Wheelock .....	1 20	
John Sweetser .....	4 22	
John A. Perry .....	3 42	
1884, Joseph Lee .....	2 00	
Dennis McCarthy .....	2 00	
Mrs. Arthur Murray .....	7 08	
Charles O. Prescott .....	2 00	
Estate of C. A. Wheeler .....	1 73	
F. W. Bannister .....	2 00	
A. J. Boise .....	2 00	
E. H. Brown .....	2 00	
Lewis Bishop .....	2 00	
Daniel Casey .....	2 00	
Charles H. Carlin .....	2 17	
Paul F. S. Clark .....	2 00	
Nelson Constantino .....	2 00	
James Dillon .....	3 63	
John Dinsmore .....	2 00	
Edmund Dow .....	2 47	
Estate of Hiram Decatur .....	8 65	
Estate of Joseph Hildreth .....	2 00	
Henry H. Webber .....	2 00	
A. C. Wheelock .....	1 74	
Mrs. Parker Fletcher .....	25	
John Butler .....	2 00	
		<hr/> \$96 35

# SUMMARY.

	1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	1878.	1877.	1876.
Town Officers.....	\$473 21	\$718 80	\$408 27	\$435 67	\$380 67	\$439 47	\$436 81	\$380 16	\$345 32	\$375 97	\$427 44
Tax Collector and Constables.....	165 98	161 50	194 87	136 15	147 80	143 39	178 40	141 55	147 98	152 34	116 28
School Committee.....	171 75	167 85	211 50	112 50	172 50	166 33	168 25	164 75	170 00	183 40	254 50
Town Library.....	380 30	360 69	380 97	414 68	377 11	536 38	319 20	340 05	299 49	336 28	243 21
Town House.....	174 13	194 83	169 09	165 33	196 73	175 84	183 45	171 12	166 47	236 25	145 00
Printing.....	215 35	140 75	129 15	138 47	153 97	142 95	126 90	119 75	110 68	179 85	110 45
Insurance.....	365 00	285 00	30 00	97 75		183 00	216 75		118 50		
School Houses.....	148 79	416 10	271 46	112 64	65 92	190 55	170 96	164 91	118 35	189 36	204 42
Incidental Expenses.....	616 08	519 62	591 08	774 84	493 46	508 27	500 42	460 07	870 71	897 11	531 03
State Aid.....	612 00	590 00	455 70	393 00	338 00	363 00	427 50	360 00	533 50	414 00	472 00
State Aid to Indigent Soldiers.....	509 00	534 00	461 00	467 00	514 00	387 40	449 00	229 70	374 40		
Roads and Bridges.....	2,537 12	2,217 47	1,654 84	1,934 77	1,477 41	1,552 07	1,504 19	1,454 98	1,871 81	1,808 13	2,244 85
Breaking Roads.....		44 68	136 36	11 92	1,620 86	420 63	70 86	239 22	140 36		
Overseers of Poor.....	1,994 50	2,185 24	1,954 40	2,058 68	2,029 76	2,147 94	1,680 66	1,913 32	1,561 39	2,331 00	3,418 00
Abatement of Taxes.....	75 54	90 54	90 56	140 00	10 21	266 54	231 86	216 45	151 45	224 28	98 47
Errors in Taxes.....	96 35	6 59	174 17								
Schools, Books, etc., for.....	476 69	687 96	76 08								
No. 8 School House, etc.....		1,631 11									
Registration Board.....	35 50	33 00	94 70								
Guide Boards.....											
State Aid Expenses.....	67 50	50 00									
	\$9,114 74	\$11,035 73	\$13,863 09	\$8,427 16	\$8,319 56						

GEORGE T. DAY,  
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*Selectmen of Westford.*

## STATEMENT.

WESTFORD, MASS., Feb. 19, 1887.

The Selectmen submit the following statement, showing the financial condition of the town, derived from the Treasurer's books and other sources, to date:

## RESOURCES.

Due from State—aid to soldiers' families, 1886.....	\$612 00
“ “ aid to indigent soldiers, 1886.....	254 50
“ “ corporation tax.....	5 76
Due for old school house in District No. 8.....	40 00
Balance of cash in treasury Feb. 12, the date of Auditor's report .....	2,009 60
Taxes collected and paid into treasury since Feb. 12....	607 34
Taxes of 1885 remaining uncollected Feb. 19, 1887.....	519 19
Taxes of 1886 remaining uncollected Feb. 19, 1887.....	1,862 87
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	\$5,911 26

## LIABILITIES.

One note held by Worcester County Institution for Savings, due May 28, 1887.....	\$2,000 00	
Accrued interest on above note.....	21 10	
Balance of appropriation for schools,unexpended,	1,563 72	
	<u>          </u>	3,584 82

It will be seen by the foregoing statement that the resources  
of the town exceed the liabilities..... \$2,326 44

The Selectmen would respectfully recommend that the following sums be raised for the ensuing year, which we think would reduce the rate of taxation to about \$10.50 on \$1,000:

For schools .....	\$4,000 00
For roads.....	2,200 00
For Overseers of the Poor.....	2,000 00
For town debts, including incidental expenses...	2,000 00

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of  
Westford.*

JOSEPH B. HEALD, *Treasurer.*



# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending February 12th, 1887:

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING  
FARMING TOOLS, BY APPRAISAL BY THE COMMITTEE.

February 12, 1887.....	\$3,392 07
February 8, 1886.....	3,540 44
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Loss on personal property.....	\$148 37

## RECEIPTS.

*Income from the Farm, as by H. D. Pierce's books.*

Received for milk.....	\$1,077 48
calves.....	81 50
straw.....	18 02
onions.....	53 40
eggs.....	5 22
beets.....	8 43
cider.....	18 58
horse.....	45 00
cows.....	86 21
labor.....	1,490 50
cabbage.....	75
barrels.....	3 00
tie chains.....	80
potatoes.....	6 35
peas.....	4 58
cranberries.....	57 28
apples.....	42 95
use of cart.....	5 00
use of mowing machine.....	1 50
beef.....	9 00
hide.....	3 76
tomatoes.....	80

<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$3,020 11</i>
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<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$3,020 11
Received for turnips.....	3 43
use of corn planter.....	2 75
board.....	21 25
wood.....	10 00
sundries.....	3 25
indigent soldiers.....	288 00
city of Salem, on account of E. Gerry.....	102 00
wood and necessities from the farm furnished outside poor.....	50 50
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	\$3,501 29

## PAYMENTS.

Paid for labor.....	\$1,010 04
pump.....	13 00
cutting wood.....	10 20
cows.....	204 00
pigs.....	15 00
bedstead.....	2 75
chairs.....	45
feather bed.....	5 58
bolster.....	30
bedding.....	5 00
pipe and faucet.....	30
washing machine.....	30
string of bells.....	25
plow, nails, tools, etc.....	40 76
freight.....	4 66
milking tubes.....	50
milk cans.....	5 15
coal.....	13 89
blank books.....	1 20
seed potatoes.....	1 00
sowing onions.....	75
blackberry roots.....	1 68
brooms.....	1 00
door spring.....	25
curtains.....	2 00
window screens.....	2 25
express.....	2 05
bull.....	25 00
teapot.....	50
cultivator.....	7 50
shoes.....	2 55
jamaica ginger.....	1 00
H. D. Pierce, one year's salary.....	550 00
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*Amount carried forward*..... \$1,930 86

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$1,930 86
Paid for whip .....	75
stove back.....	75
tub.....	25
repairing sink.....	1 00
mowing machine sections.....	90
lime.....	95
hay.....	21 85
stone tools .....	3 77
car fare .....	2 45
cider barrels.....	20 00
raking cranberries.....	18 00
use of horse.....	3 00
carpenter's work .....	87 50
jars.....	65
plow castings.....	3 75
garget cure.....	3 00
canteen.....	75
wall paper.....	3 19
tinware.....	68
hangers, tracks, butts, etc.....	2 90
cutting corn and making cider .....	23 76
lamp .....	1 00
stove.....	15 00
butchering .....	2 50
pasturing cattle.....	8 00
2 snow shovels.....	1 00
making cider .....	18 00
coffin and robe for Eunice Fletcher.....	17 00
medical attendance on inmates.....	4 50
fresh fish.....	9 35
straw .....	10
repairing boots.....	35
filing saw .....	1 30
medicine .....	10 00
tea and coffee.....	7 20
dry goods.....	21 33
lumber.....	75 72
beef.....	131 57
harness work.....	48 40
wheelwright work.....	20 18
blacksmith work .....	104 90
groceries .....	393 63
butter.....	23 50
apples .....	25
soap .....	3 40
crackers .....	27 40
ensilage cutter and elevator .....	65 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$3,141 29

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$3,141	29	
Paid for sundries.....		1	10
grain.....	669	68	
horse.....	250	00	
farming tools.....	6	30	
paints and oils.....	24	14	
nails and screws.....	11	20	
grass and onion seed and seed corn.....	24	03	
fertilizer.....	35	75	
Thomas Carney.....	8	50	
John P. Green.....	7	00	
removing E. Gerry to almshouse.....	2	00	
medical attendance on E. Gerry.....	7	50	
turkeys.....	3	00	
Loss on personal property.....	148	37	
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			\$4,339 86
Deduct income from the farm.....	\$3,501	29	
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands.....	194	52	
Expense of keeping 319 tramps.....	79	75	
Cost of the new shed.....	163	22	
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			3,938 78
Leaves as the cost of supporting poor inside almshouse..	\$401	08	

#### COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for coal.....	\$15	00	
for printing.....	2	25	
for wood and groceries for Jane A. L. Patch.....	23	60	
for goods for J. Wilkerson.....	25	25	
for care of Emily Lew.....	134	00	
for medical attendance by J. B. Heald, M. D., for Annie Murphy.....	13	75	
for medical attendance by J. B. Heald, M. D., for Nelson Constantino.....	22	00	
for medical attendance by J. B. Heald, M. D., for Mrs. Harrington's family.....	15	75	
for medical attendance by J. B. Heald, M. D., for Mrs. Flynn.....	3	75	
for medical attendance by J. B. Heald, M. D., for Kate Levis.....	30	00	
for medical attendance by J. B. Heald, M. D., for Emily Lew.....	2	50	
for board and care of A. Murphy.....	14	00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$301	85	



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$301 85
Paid for funeral expenses of Patrick Harrington.....	10 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on J. Driscoll .....	18 75
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on C. H. Spaulding.....	34 35
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on S. L. Prescott .....	9 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Nellie Casey.....	6 00
for expense in removing M. E. Brown.....	5 56
city of Boston, for Mary Callahan.....	7 20
J. B. Robbins, for coffin for William Reed.....	15 00
hospital bills for insane at Worcester.....	600 73
city of Cambridge, for aid rendered Varnum Fletcher,	3 50
for wood for J. Dailey.....	10 50
Wright & Bemis, for goods for W. Haley.....	2 00
“ “ “ S. L. Prescott .....	78 00
“ “ “ Mrs. J. Davie.....	48 00
“ “ “ C. H. Spaulding ....	8 56
“ “ “ in 1885, J. Wilkerson...	52 14
E. Prescott, for time and expense in going to Boston to see about Mrs. J. P. Callahan.....	4 00
E. Prescott, for time and expense in going to Concord to see about Waldo Scott .....	3 00
E. Prescott, for time and expense in going to Boston to see about ensilage cutter.....	3 50
E. Prescott, for time and expense in looking up Elbridge Gerry's settlement.....	2 00
E. Prescott, for making out reports to Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity.....	5 00
E. Prescott, for postage and stationery.....	2 00
“ “ services as Overseer of the Poor....	10 00
Nancy Sullivan, for board of Kate Levis.....	10 00
city of Lowell, for the relief of Joseph T. Whitcomb,	16 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on M. E. Brown .....	30 40
E. Prescott, for making out report to town.....	5 00
I. W. Carlin, for time and expense in buying a horse,	2 00
“ “ “ “ cows...	2 00
“ “ car fare for Mr. Kefee and wife ...	2 90
“ “ services as Overseer of the Poor ..	10 00
Edwin Gould, for removing Elbridge Gerry to the almshouse .....	2 00
Edwin Gould, for services as Overseer of the Poor..	10 00
for wood for Nellie Flynn.....	15 25

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 \$1,346 19

Received from the city of Boston, on account of M. E. Brown.....	\$35 96	
Received from the State, on account of State paupers.....	66 64	
Due from the city of Lowell, on account of Emily Lew.....	136 50	
	<hr/>	239 10
Expense of the poor outside of the almshouse.....	\$1,107 09	

## STATEMENT.

Cash in Overseers' hands at last settlement.....	\$16 30	
in hands of Master of the Almshouse at last settlement, drawn from Town Treasurer.....	237 48	1,994 50
Loss on personal property.....	148 37	
	<hr/>	\$2,396 65
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands ....	\$194 52	
in Overseers' hands.....	127 35	
Due from the city of Lowell, on account of Emily Lew.....	136 50	
	<hr/>	\$458 37
Cost of supporting poor exclusive of interest on farm.....	\$1,938 28	

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Number receiving two meals and lodging.....	319
Number supported in the almshouse....	6
Average number.....	5 $\frac{3}{16}$
Number receiving assistance outside of the alms- house .....	33

EDWARD PRESCOTT,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,  
EDWIN GOULD,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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WESTFORD, Mass., Feb. 18, 1887.

GENTLEMEN :— I have examined the books of the Overseers of the Poor, including the accounts kept by the Master of the Almshouse, for the year ending February 12th, 1887, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

Respectfully yours,

NAHUM H. WRIGHT,

*Auditor.*

TO MESSRS. GEORGE T. DAY,

ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,

ISAAC W. CARKIN.

*Selectmen of Westford.*

# APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

AT THE ALMSHOUSE IN WESTFORD, MASS., 1887.

5 horses.....	\$1000 00	1 windmill.....	\$4 00
12 cows.....	480 00	2 grindstones.....	4 00
1 heifer.....	30 00	5 scythes and snaths.....	4 50
1 bull.....	35 00	1 corn planter.....	15 00
4 pigs.....	20 00	6 hay forks.....	1 75
39 fowls.....	37 00	3 manure forks.....	1 00
20 tons ensilage.....	80 00	2 manure hooks.....	1 75
Ensilage cutter.....	60 00	2 potato diggers.....	1 00
7 tons English hay.....	126 00	4 hoes.....	1 00
2½ tons stock hay.....	25 00	4 bog hoes.....	1 00
1½ tons meadow hay.....	12 00	4 iron bars.....	2 50
4 bushels corn.....	2 40	4 pickaxes.....	3 00
Meal.....	3 30	1 grub hoe.....	50
Cotton seed meal.....	3 00	2 flails.....	50
6 bushels oats.....	2 40	Stone tools.....	8 00
50 lbs. shorts.....	50	7 chains.....	7 00
Pop corn.....	3 50	Ropes and pulley.....	90
3 bushels rye.....	2 79	7 iron rakes.....	1 75
7 harnesses.....	165 00	5 shovels.....	1 50
Neck yokes and eveners.....	16 00	1 set measures.....	50
Curry combs and brushes.....	50	7 ladders and hooks.....	7 00
5 head halters.....	4 00	28 empty sacks.....	50
1 wolf robe.....	6 00	3 water pots.....	1 00
5 blankets.....	10 00	4 wrenches and hammers.....	2 00
4 feed bags.....	3 00	5 spades.....	2 00
9 feed boxes.....	2 25	5 empty barrels.....	1 00
1 express wagon.....	34 00	3 wood saws.....	1 00
4 carts.....	100 00	Carpenter's tools.....	15 00
1 farm wagon.....	40 00	1 garden hoe.....	50
1 hay wagon.....	20 00	5 rakes.....	2 00
1 stone wagon.....	30 00	2 axes.....	2 00
1 horse sled.....	10 00	1 cheese press.....	1 00
2 two-horse sleds.....	60 00	½ ton coal.....	3 00
2 sleighs.....	15 00	26 cords of wood.....	78 00
1 wheelbarrow.....	3 00	1 clothes wringer.....	3 00
1 wagon jack.....	1 50	1 meal chest.....	1 50
1 dirt scraper.....	5 00	1 meat cutter.....	3 00
1 hay knife.....	1 00	1 steamer.....	6 00
2 harrows.....	8 00	2 cranberry rakes.....	2 50
2 cultivators.....	8 00	4 saw horses.....	1 25
3 plows.....	25 00	20 empty butter tubs.....	1 00
1 horse rake.....	20 00	1 force pump.....	1 00
1 drag rake.....	50	2 chests.....	1 00
1 hand rake.....	25	2 apple parers.....	1 75
1 corn sheller.....	2 00	Crackers.....	25
1 hay cutter.....	1 00	50 pounds lard.....	5 00
1 mowing machine.....	50 00	½ bushel cranberries.....	75



3 bushels beans.....	\$4 60	1 porcelain kettle.....	1 00
75 bushels potatoes.....	37 50	1 copper kettle.....	1 75
50 bars hard soap.....	3 50	2 chopping knives and tray,	1 25
Turnips.....	2 00	5 earthen pots.....	1 50
3 bushels beets .....	1 75	Stoneware.....	2 25
11 bushels onions.....	10 00	1 dozen Mason cans .....	1 25
10 pounds butter.....	3 00	3 brooms.....	50
250 pounds pork.....	25 00	1 barn broom .....	50
100 pounds ham.....	10 00	2 mops.....	50
658 gallons cider.....	52 64	1 whitewash brush .....	1 50
20 gallons vinegar.....	3 33	Knives, forks and spoons..	4 00
4 gallons kerosene oil.....	50	Crockery .....	12 00
1 barrel soft soap .....	5 00	1 range .....	35 00
25 empty cider barrels.....	12 00	3 stoves.....	15 00
4 wash tubs.....	2 50	2 old stoves.....	1 00
4 barrels apples.....	4 00	Beds, bedding and bed-	
1 washing machine .....	1 50	steads .....	245 00
2 wash boilers .....	1 50	1 sloop pail.....	25
1 clothes dryer .....	1 00	Tinware .....	25 00
3 clothes lines .....	1 00	Candles.....	6 00
1 clothes basket .....	50	1 barrel flour .....	6 00
2 lanterns.....	1 65	Spices and box.....	1 00
1 grain cradle.....	50	1 pound tea.....	50
1 padlock and chain .....	75	2 pounds coffee .....	50
1 seive .....	75	1 pound saleratus.....	08
1 oilcloth carpet .....	3 00	6 pounds dried apple.....	50
3 rocking chairs .....	1 50	20 pounds G. sugar .....	1 40
1 cabinet chair .....	1 00	20 pounds E. sugar .....	1 20
8 tables.....	12 00	1 pound raisins .....	12
Window and door screens.	10 00	7 candlesticks .....	75
2 snow shovels.....	75	Candle moulds.....	1 50
1 bed pan .....	1 50	3 water pails .....	60
6 looking glasses.....	2 00	Glassware .....	3 75
1 shovel and tongs.....	1 00	2 pork barrels.....	1 00
1 cradle.....	1 25	6 lamps.....	2 00
Chests and trunks .....	4 00	7 flat-irons .....	1 75
1 castor.....	50	Table linen and towels .....	5 00
1 cow bell.....	50	Injection pipe .....	1 50
1 dinner bell.....	50	1 shawl.....	1 00
1 pair steelyards.....	1 75		
4¼ dozen fruit and jars....	10 00		
			\$3,392 07

A. W. CUMMINGS,

W. M. WHITNEY,

ALVAN FISHER,

*Appraisers of Property.*

## STONE FUND,

HELD BY SELECTMEN, IN TRUST FOR TOWN LIBRARY.

The legacy of \$1000, given to the Library by Stephen S. Stone, of Revere, Mass., was received in January, 1886. The selectmen made efforts to secure a satisfactory investment, by mortgage on real estate, but were unable to do so, and in April it was placed on interest in Savings Bank.

In January, 1887, one share of the stock of the Lowell Manufacturing Co. was purchased at a cost, including commission, of .....	\$772 50
Balance in bank.....	227 50
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	\$1,000 00
Accrued interest from April to January 1st .....	\$30 81

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*

# LIBRARY REPORT.

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The Directors of the Public Library respectfully submit their thirty-second annual report, for the year ending February 18, 1887:

Number of books purchased.....	218
Public documents received from the State.....	6
Other books presented.....	4
Whole number added during the year.....	228
Whole number of books in the Library.....	5407
Number of issues of books.....	8277

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance from last year's appropriation.....	\$6 70
Town appropriation .....	200 00
Dog tax appropriated.....	100 00
Fines.....	3 85
By error in express charge.....	88
	\$311 43

### EXPENDITURES.

For books of reference.....	\$ 76 50
Other books.....	209 59
Binding books .....	8 25
Express and postage.....	5 42
Librarian's supplies.....	6 76
	\$306 52
Balance unexpended.....	4 91
	\$311 43

A somewhat larger portion of the Library funds than usual has been expended this year in the purchase of books of reference. Such works add to the permanent usefulness of the Library. They invite and aid investigation and study. It is to be hoped that with the in-

come from the Stone legacy, which will be available during succeeding years, yet more can be done to annually increase the number of this class of books.

During the year the Directors have received from our citizens several lists of books recommended as desirable additions to the Library. It cannot be doubted that like assistance will always be gladly received.

It occurs to us that the advantages of the Library might be made more accessible to citizens resident at Forge Village and Graniteville. The experiment of delivering books at the latter place was made not long since at private expense, and resulted in a noticeable increase of circulation. It is desirable that the influence of good reading be made as generally felt as possible. It may be that in their appreciation of the privileges of the Library, the residents at these two centers of our population would find themselves well repaid for bearing the expense of having books delivered at their homes. The time may come when action in this regard will be taken by the town.

Attention is called to a rule that all the Library books must be returned on the *first* Wednesday of each February. Some of the earlier regulations contained in the books state a different day, and are misleading in this respect.

Gifts of two books from Mr. Samuel A. Green, and of twelve numbers of the Unitarian Review from the American Unitarian Association, are gratefully acknowledged.

We respectfully recommend an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH S. ABBOT,  
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,  
FREDERIC A. FISHER,

*Directors of Public Library.*



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## LIST OF JURORS, 1887.

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The following names will be reported at the annual March meeting, to be placed in the Jury Box, subject to revision by the Town :

ASAPH B. CUTTER,  
W. H. H. BURBECK,  
MELBOURNE F. HUTCHINS,  
AUGUSTINE W. CARKIN,  
CHARLES GRIFFIN,  
ISAAC E. DAY,  
A. RICHMOND LEIGHTON,  
M. H. A. EVANS,  
HEZEKIAH CUMMINGS,  
JOHN HORAN,  
FRANK L. FLETCHER,

SAMUEL G. HUMISTON,  
EDWIN GOULD,  
JOHN W. DAY,  
CHARLES H. FOLLANSBEE,  
HUGH DAILEY,  
HENRY HAMLIN,  
C. R. P. DECATUR,  
ALEC FISHER,  
JEPHTHA WRIGHT,  
A. R. CHOATE,  
NOAH PRESCOTT.

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,

*Selectmen of Westford.*

Westford, Mass., February 19, 1887

## WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 7, 1887.

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*Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

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MIDDLESEX SS.

*To Isaac E. Day, one of the Constables of the Town of Westford, in said County.*

GREETING:

*You are hereby* required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the seventh day of March, being the first Monday in said month, at 9 o'clock A. M., (the polls will be opened at 9 o'clock A. M., and closed at 1 o'clock P. M.,) to act upon the following articles, to wit:—

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To hear the Report of Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
3. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Auditor appointed to audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer, or act in relation to the same.
4. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, or act in relation to the same.
5. To hear Report of School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
6. To see if the Town will accept and adopt the Report of the Directors of the Town Library, or act in relation to the same.
7. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, or act in relation to the same.

8. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, two School Committee for three years, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, three appraisers of Property at the Town Farm, Directors of Town Library, all on one ballot.
9. To raise money to defray Town debts and charges, and direct how the same shall be paid into the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.
10. To raise money for Reading and Writing Schools.
11. To choose a Collector of Taxes.
12. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money, from time to time, to meet the demands on the treasury, or act in relation to the same.
13. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.
14. To raise money to repair roads and bridges, and direct by whom and in what manner the same shall be expended.
15. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen, by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.
16. To see if the Town will vote to License the sale of Ardent Spirits, or act in relation to the same.
17. To hear report of Selectmen in regard to Bear Hill Road, so called, and act in relation to the same.
18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to grade the yard about School House No. 8, or act in relation to the same.
19. To see if the Town will vote to cement the cellar floor of the Graniteville School House, or act in relation to the same.
20. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$130, to do the work asked for in the 19th Article, or act in relation to the same.
21. To see if the Town will vote to hold its Annual Meeting hereafter on the third Monday in March, or act in relation to the same.
22. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint some suitable person or persons to enforce the Liquor Law, or act in relation to same.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100, to pay expense incurred in enforcing the Liquor Law, or act in relation to the same.
24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25, to pay the services of a truant officer, or act in relation to the same.
25. To choose one School Committee for one year to fill the unexpired term of the late T. A. Blodgett.
26. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the employment of Counsel by the year, or act in relation to the same.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

*Given under our hands and seals, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.*

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,

*Selectmen of Westford.*





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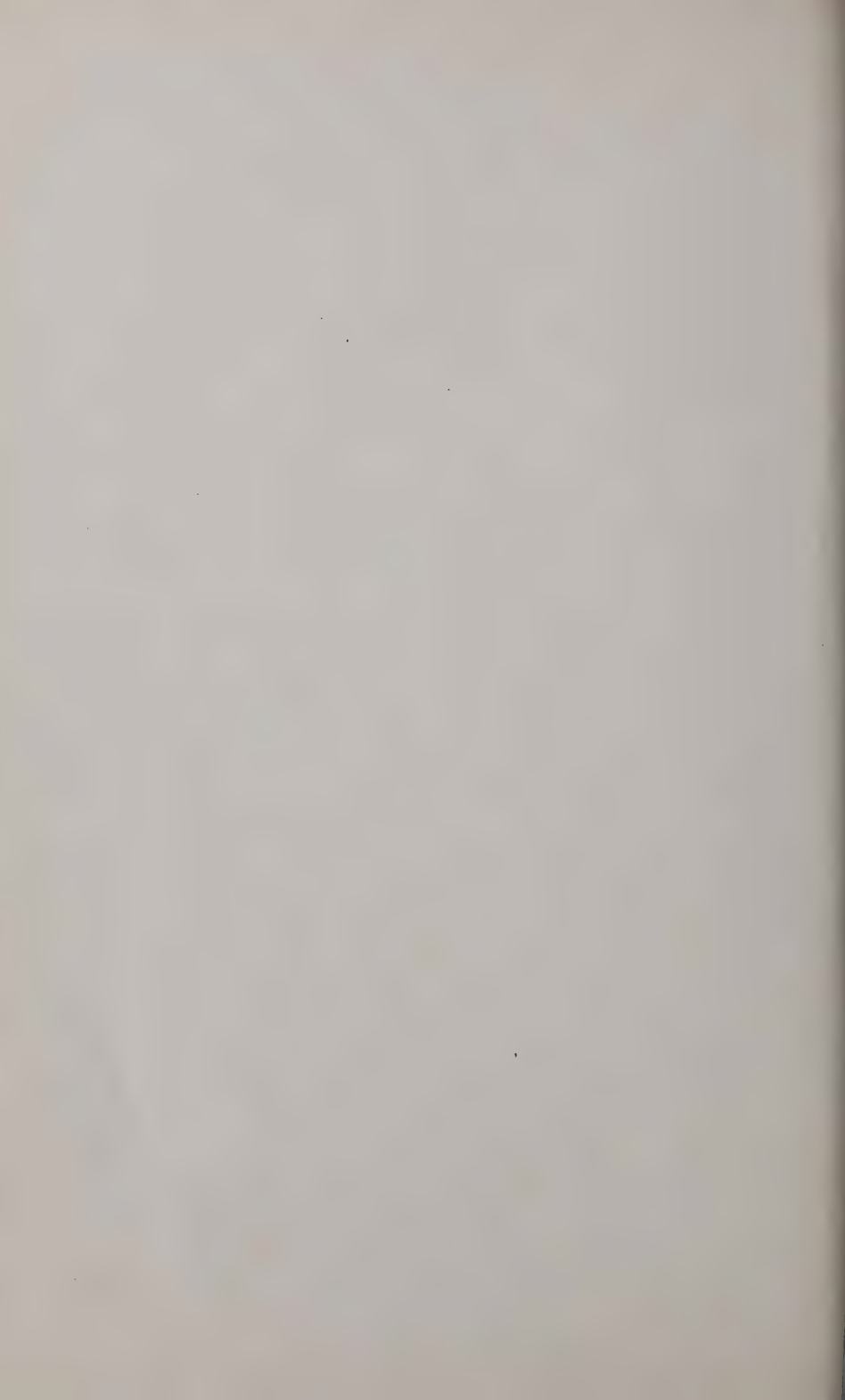
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GEORGE E. GOULD.

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NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

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COLLECTOR OF TAXES.  
ISAAC E. DAY.

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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.  
TRUE A. BEAN.

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CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES.  
WILBERT E. PARSONS.

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

WESLEY O. HAWKES . . . . Term expires, May 1, 1888  
 FRANK L. FLETCHER, Chairman . . Term expires, May 1, 1889  
 NELSON L. TUTTLE . . . . Term expires, May 1, 1890

The Town Clerk is a member *ex-officio*, and Clerk of the Board.

The foregoing have been sworn. Of the following only those marked by a star have been sworn:

## CONSTABLES.

WILBERT E. PARSONS,	CHARLES E. WHIDDEN,
JOHN LANKTREE,	ALFRED S. DAVIS,
*ISAAC E. DAY,	*FRANK C. EDWARDS.

## FENCE VIEWERS.

WILLIAM KITTREDGE, \*ALVIN G. POLLEY, \*WAYLAND F. BALCH.

## WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, ETC.

J. B. FLETCHER,	E. A. HAMLIN,
*J. M. FLETCHER,	*S. A. HAMLIN,
S. H. FLETCHER,	*JACOB SMITH,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,	G. W. HEYWOOD,
A. J. ABBOTT,	W. C. EDWARDS,
*W. W. JOHNSON,	*J. W. DAY.
N. H. WRIGHT,	*C. E. WHIDDEN,
J. A. HEALEY,	A. F. CAMERON.

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER, ETC.

C. L. FLETCHER,	*T. E. SYMMES,
GILMER STONE,	*C. E. WHIDDEN,
*JACOB SMITH,	G. A. PERHAM.
*THOMAS DREW,	A. S. REED,
*G. H. PRESCOTT,	W. C. EDWARDS,
E. A. HAMLIN,	J. A. HEALEY,
CYRUS HAMLIN,	*F. H. LEWIS.
*W. W. JOHNSON,	

## FIELD DRIVERS.

*HENRY CHAMBERLIN,	ALLAN C. SARGENT,
JERRY SULLIVAN, 2d.,	HUGH DALEY,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER,	CHARLES W. HARRIS,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,	SAMUEL WARNER,
FRED A. SWEATT,	WM. L. KITTREDGE,
HAMMET D. WRIGHT,	WARREN J. GOULD.
WILLIAM M. WHITNEY,	WALTER J. SLEEPER,
HERBERT V. HILDRETH,	FRED SPAULDING.

No oath of office is required of the remaining officers.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FRED A. FISHER, <i>Chairman</i>	. . .	Term expires March, 1888
HIRAM DANE	. . . . .	Term expires March, 1888
ARTHUR WRIGHT	. . . . .	Term expires March, 1889
J. SIDNEY MOULTON, <i>Sec'y and Supt.</i>	. . .	Term expires March, 1889
ALVIN G. POLLEY	. . . . .	Term expires March, 1890
J. WILLARD FLETCHER	. . . . .	Term expires March, 1890

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APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

ARTEMAS W. CUMMINGS,                      WILLIAM M. WHITNEY,  
ARTHUR WRIGHT.

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DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY.

MRS. JOHN W. ABBOTT,                      WALTER J. SLEEPER,  
FREDERIC A. FISHER.

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LIBRARIAN.

CLARA M. WILEY.

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JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

JOSEPH. H. WILSON.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND KEEPER OF  
ALMSHOUSE.

HENRY D. PIERCE.



# BIRTHS,

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1887.*

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan. 7..	Harold Wm. Hildreth.....	Herbert V. and Stella (Reed).
Jan. 12.	James Albert Hughes.....	James and Melissa (Provost).
Feb. 11.	Warren Wright.....	Frank C. and Mary A. (Decatur).
Feb. 22.	Emma Jenny Hodgman...	Fred L. and Mary E. (Butterworth).
Feb. 25.	James Minter Sargent. ...	Allan C. and Eva E. (Minter).
Feb. 25.	Samuel Watson Heeley...	Samuel and Rebecca.
Mar. 6.	Clarence Herbert McClenna	Alvin A. and Lillian P. (Spaulding).
Mar. 27.	Ruth Rowley .....	Charles H. and Martha C. (Brown).
Apr. 7	Laura Agnes Fournier ....	Frank and Eugenie (Lemire).
Apr. 28	William Herbert Brown...	Jos. Henry and Effie A. (Sweetser).
Apr. 29	Glorvina Allan.....	Frank and Leverine (St. Louis).
May 2..	Elmer Leon Dow.....	James M. and Maria (Fennell).
May 12.	Linus Sleeper Stewart....	Cornelius and Harriet E.
May 24.	Ward Augustus Palmer...	Lewis P. and Jennie B. (Floyd).
May 25.	Frederick Andrew Johnson	Andrew and Lydia (McOskie).
June 3.	Randolph Hoyt.....	Hezekiah and Elizabeth.
June 3.	Alice Russell Gould.....	George E. and Dora C. (Russell).
June 8.	Chas. Reuben Dexter Key	Joseph H. and Emeline S. (Sargent).
June 14	Ellen Maud Shugrue.....	Chas. Francis & Rose A. (Rushworth)
June 24	William Jeremiah Murphy.	John C. and Nellie (Dailey).
June 30.	Aaron Tuttle .....	Nelson L. and Lizzie (Perham).
July 7..	Mary Elizabeth Shannon...	Edward and Kate (Dunn).
July 28.	Alexand'r Daniel McCarter	William and Elizabeth.
Aug. 13	Elmer Trull.....	John B. and Maggie J. [Marshall].
Aug. 16	Hugh Gerald Daily.....	Hugh and Kate (Dufort).
Aug. 20	Grace Edith Bennett.....	George L. and Mary L. (Nickerson).
Sept. 9.	Edith Marion Sweatt.....	Fred A. and Edith E. (Lewis).
Sept. 11	Sarah Mabel Cummings...	Irving T. and Jennie D. (Cheeney).
Sept. 23	Fred Cloudman Perkins...	Joseph O. and Alfrada.
Sept. 30	Edwin Clarence Hildreth..	Frank C. and Sarah Jane (Griffin).
Sept. 30	Arthur Griffin Hildreth....	Frank C. and Sarah Jane (Griffin.)
Oct. 5..	Fred Henry Bicknell .....	Charles H. and Almeda (Grey).
Oct. 11.	Philinda G. Moore.....	Edward A. and Mary E. (Riddick).
Oct. 23.	William Carol Furbush....	Frank L. and Maggie C. (Murphy).
Nov. 4.	George Henry Petherick...	William H. and Bertha.
Nov. 14	Walter Herbert Catchpole.	Herbert C. and Mary.
Nov. 17	William Robert Casey.....	Daniel and Annie M. (Star).
Nov. 24	Dennis Wainwright.....	Alexander and Mary.
Dec. 14.	William Brown .....	Ephraim Reed and Mary E. Brown.
Dec. 25.	Alice Quinn .....	Thomas V. and Mary J. (Murphy).
Dec. 29.	Christina Lowther Mann...	James and Charlotte (Lowther).

Whole number recorded, 43; males, 29; females, 14. Of native parentage, 25; foreign parentage, 12; mixed parentage, 6. One birth occurring in a previous year recorded, and one omitted by request from this report.

# MARRIAGES,

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1887.*

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTH-PLACE.
Jan. 8..	Frank Corcoran .....	22	Lowell.....	Calais, Me.....
	Maggie Hughes.....	19	Westford.....	England.....
Jan. 20.	William L. Kittredge.....	36	"	Westford.....
	Adeline M. Fisher.....	26	"	"
Feb. 1..	Jeremiah J. Sullivan.....	29	"	Lowell.....
	Catherine Sweeney.....	30	Saxonville.....	Saxonville.....
Mar. 5.	Edwin B. Currier.....	21	Concord.....	Carlisle.....
	Lena Estelle Balch.....	20	Westford.....	Westford.....
Mar. 12	William Henry Stone.....	28	Groton.....	Cambridge.....
	Sarah Augusta Gale.....	20	"	Groton.....
Apr. 3.	Joseph D. Wilkerson.....	68	Westford.....	Carlisle.....
	Mary Ann Young.....	34	"	Roxbury.....
Apr. 20	Sterling Moore.....	19	"	Sheffield, N.B....
	Helen L. Townsend.....	22	Littleton.....	Detroit, Mich....
June 6.	James Franklin.....	27	Providence, R.I.	Providence, R.I.
	Louisa Constantino.....	20	Westford.....	Lowell.....
June 15	Frank C. Drew.....	25	"	Westford.....
	Jennie B. Greig.....	25	"	Maynard.....
Sept. 1.	William Edward Symmes..	40	"	Westford.....
	Laura Elizabeth Noyes...	35	"	Lowell.....
Sept. 7.	David L. Greig.....	22	"	Westford.....
	Clara A. Jeffroy.....	21	Chelmsford.....	Chelmsford.....
Sept. 13	George Warren Blodgett..	21	Harvard.....	Westford.....
	Charlotte Augusta Bishop.	31	Westford.....	Leominster.....
Sept. 14	Herbert E. Fletcher.....	25	"	Westford.....
	Carrie D. Hill.....	21	Sunderland, Vt..	Sunderland, Vt..
Oct. 12.	Willie N. Nutting.....	24	Westford.....	Groton.....
	Ellen Chandler.....	21	"	Westford.....
Oct. 12.	Edmund St. Louis.....	22	Lowell.....	Becancour, Can.
	Mary Alloe.....	21	Westford.....	Lowell.....
Oct. 18.	Frank Henry Hildreth....	26	"	Westford.....
	Annie Maria Lawrence....	24	"	"
Nov. 2.	Samuel T. Hildreth.....	37	"	"
	Clara A. Burnham.....	32	"	Concord, N.H....
Dec. 3..	Stearns Maitland Knight..	35	"	Groton.....
	Carrie M. Fletcher.....	18	"	Westford.....
Dec. 17.	Major Simpson.....	20	"	Bradford, Eng..
	Hannah Rebecca Dudley	21	"	Ainsworth, Eng.
Dec. 21.	George Luddington.....	25	"	Yorkshire, Eng.
	Annie Bower.....	23	"	Oxfordshire, En.
Dec. 25.	James Frederick Smith...	30	"	Brooklyn, N.Y..
	Mary Luella Tower.....	31	So. Braintree...	Westford.....
Dec. 30.	S. Ward Moore.....	23	Lowell.....	Australia.....
	Lizzie A. Moore.....	19	Westford.....	Littleton.....

No. of marriages recorded.....	22	Native brides.....	19
No. solemnized in Westford.....	6	Foreign brides.....	3
Westford grooms.....	15	Second marriages of grooms.....	2
Westford brides.....	16	Solemnized by Westford clergy-	
Native grooms.....	17	men.....	6
Foreign grooms.....	5		

# DEATHS,

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1887.*

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Jan. 19..	Eunice W. (Spiller) Fletcher—widow of George W.....	86	2	..
Jan. 21..	Maria (Hildreth) Tuttle—widow of Charles.....	85	11	23
Feb. 1..	Ruth E. (Sargent) Young—widow of Daniel.....	65	9	3
Feb. 27..	Sarah (Walker) Holdsworth—wife of Daniel.....	79	4	16
Mar. 2..	Peter B. Prescott.....	73	6	18
Mar. 5..	Martha Emma Searles.....	21	8	17
Mar. 9..	Robert Wilkerson.....	90	8	28
Mar. 16..	Thomas Brown.....	56	..	..
Mar. 17..	Amittia (Simonds) Flag—widow of Daniel.....	74	11	10
Mar. 17..	Ella Maria Searles.....	13	2	14
Mar. 20..	Johanna (Courtney) Riney—wife of Timothy D.....	41	3	..
Mar. 27..	Ira B. Searles.....	20	3	7
Mar. 31..	Lena V. (Blodgett) Dane—wife of Lewis C.....	31	7	19
Apr. 8..	David Leo Moran.....	6	10	29
Apr. 13..	Clarissa (Wilkins) Nutting—widow of Asia.....	90	9	11
Apr. 13..	Martha W. (Cummings) Prescott—widow of Jonas.....	75	10	2
Apr. 15..	Ada B. Eaton.....	15	8	..
Apr. 16..	George N. Reed.....	28	4	3
Apr. 20..	Levi Clinton Heywood.....	..	7	27
May 7..	Louisa (Lawrence) Fletcher—widow of Abijah.....	79	10	23
May 22..	Henry F. Putney.....	19	4	25
May 25..	Daniel Holdsworth.....	76	..	..
May 27..	Catherine (Daly) Sheahan—wife of Andrew.....	52	..	..
May 29..	Mary Elizabeth Hughes.....	1	8	29
June 4..	Mary Shearon.....	43	..	..
June 6..	Gerty May DeCatur.....	2	4	5
June 7..	Nathaniel Sweetser.....	67	2	2
June 9..	Charles F. Coburn.....	26	3	26
June 13..	Clara Ellen Blodgett.....	19	4	6
June 14..	Matthew A. Downs.....	14	6	..
June 16..	Bridget (Norton) Quinn—wife of John.....	46	..	..
June 17..	Jane (Connor) Berry—wife of Alexander.....	75	9	24
June 18..	Mary (Parker) Farwell—widow of Samuel.....	97	1	10
June 18..	Abigail (Bicknell) Hutchinson—wife of Hezekiah.....	73	5	28
July 6..	Edith Elizabeth Caunter.....	..	10	12
July 7..	James Garrett.....	34	..	..
July 7..	Ada M. (Day) Polley—wife of David A.....	22	6	5
July 18..	Margaret (Manning) Favro—widow of P. Oliver.....	66	..	1
July 25..	Emily (Tyng) Lew—widow of Osmond.....	83	..	..
July 28..	William Henry Willis.....	1	7	25
Aug. 1..	John Dane.....	88	3	3
Aug. 5..	David G. Reed.....	2	6	..
Aug. 12..	Allan Lawrence Blood.....	..	7	15
Aug. 17..	Gracie M. Horne.....	1	2	28
Sept. 4..	Minnie Smythe.....	..	2	2
Sept. 7..	Clotch (Pelantier) Raymond—wife of Thomas.....	76	4	..
Sept. 8..	Abbie Walker.....	31	1	22
Sept. 16..	Mary Frances Daley.....	..	3	27
Sept. 16..	Peter A. Sheahan.....	25	7	..
Sept. 19..	Alexander Berry.....	73	3	3
Oct. 5..	Lena A. Heywood.....	11	6	25
Oct. 10..	Charles H. Winchester.....	65	11	..
Oct. 11..	Philinda G. Moore.....	..	..	1
Oct. 20..	Eva (Minter) Sargent—wife of Allan C.....	25	..	18
Oct. 27..	Kate Callahan.....	16	..	24
Nov. 23..	Luther Wilkins.....	72	4	6
Nov. 30..	Blood.....	..	..	..
Dec. 15..	Nellie A. Heywood.....	18	9	24
Dec. 10..	Nancy Sweetser.....	69	..	..

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded.....	21	38	59
Whole number of deaths in town.....	20	33	53
Residents of Westford.....	21	33	54
Non-residents brought to town for interment.....	—	3	3
Number of interments in town.....	13	24	37

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

EAST CAMBRIDGE, May 31, 1887.

Received of Gilman J. Wright, Town Clerk of Westford, Mass., \$37.20, on account of Dog Licences, as per his return of May 30, 1887.

J. O. HAYDEN, *County Treasurer.*

EAST CAMBRIDGE, Nov. 29, 1887.

Received of Gilman J. Wright, Town Clerk of Westford, Mass., \$114.60, on account of Dog Licences, as per his return of Nov. 28, 1887.

J. O. HAYDEN, *County Treasurer.*

Total amount paid into County Treasury.....	\$151.80
No. of Dogs licensed prior to date of last return, Nov. 28, 1887:	
Males at \$2.00 each, 79.....	\$158.00
Females at \$5.00 each, 2.....	10.00
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	\$168.00
Deduct Clerk's fees, 81 licences, at 20 cents.....	16.20
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Balance.....	\$151.80

Number of Dogs licensed since last return, Nov. 28, 1887—Males 41, Females 0, total 41. Total number of licences issued to date—Males 120, Females 2, total 122. Number of Dogs returned by Assessors, Males 138, Females 4, total 142.

## Owners and Keepers of Dogs who have Procured Licenses for the Year Ending May 1, 1888.

Abbot & Co.	Edwards, W. C.	Hutchins, S. E.	Searles, C. J.
Bannister, F. W.	Feeney, J.	Ingalls, G. W.	Sheahan, A.
Bean, M. A.	Felch, J. K.	Irish, G.	Sherman, D. W.
Bicknell, A.	Flagg, E. H.	Johnson, W. W.	Smith, G. H.
Blaisdell, A. J.	Fletcher, B. M.	Keenan, W.	Stephan, R.
Blank.	Fletcher, E. E.	Larkin, J.	Stevens, E. A.
Blodgett, L. M. Fem.	Fletcher, H. (3)	Leighton, A. R.	Stone, G.
Burke, D.	Fletcher, H. A.	Lewis, F. H.	Sullivan, Jer. 2d.
Campbell, J.	Floyd, S.	Martin, F.	Sweatt, F. A.
Carkin, G. F.	Frederick, G. S.	Meades, D. H.	Sweetser, J. F.
Carkin, I. W.	Gardner, R.	Merrill, D.	Sweetser, N.
Carmichael, D.	George, R. N.	Millis, G. F.	Taylor, J. P.
Carmichael, J.	Giles, I.	Moore, E. A.	Vose, W. M.
Carrick, W.	Gould, G. E.	Moore, S.	Wall, P.
Carver, W. R.	Gower, W.	Morse, F. M.	Ward, D.
Catchpole, H. E.	Greig, D. L.	Murray, A. Mrs.	Wayne, J.
Comey, W. S.	Griffin, C. M.	Nesmith, G. W.	Whitney, E. J.
Craven, E.	Griffin, F. A.	Nutting, B. F.	Whitney, H.
Cummings, E. M.	Hall, J. H.	O'Brien, C.	Whitney, J.
Cummings, I. T.	Hamlin, C.	O'Brien, J.	Whitney, J. H.
Dane, H.	Hawkes, W. O.	O'Brien, J. H.	Whitney, W. M. (2)
Davis, A. S.	Healey, J. Mrs.	O'Brien, W. Fem	Wilkerson, J.
Day, G. T.	Healey, J. A.	Perham, G. A.	Wilson, J.
Day, I. E.	Hildreth, F. C.	Prescott, E.	Wilson, J. H.
Decatur, C. W.	Horne, G. F.	Prescott, J. F.	Worcester, I. S.
Decatur, C. E. P.	Howard, C. L.	Putney, S. F.	Wright, A. S.
Decatur, W. H.	Humiston, S. G.	Quinn, J.	Wright, C. A.
Downs, M. F. (2)	Hutchins, J.	Reed, C. W.	Wyman, W. W.
Drew, F. C.	Hutchins, M. F.	Reed, W. (2)	Yapp, G.
Dupée, G. F.			



# AUDITORS' REPORT.

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To balance cash on hand February 12, 1887..	\$2,009 60	
To cash of I. E. Day, collector, 1886.....	607 34	
By cash paid on account schools.....		\$1,336 95
By cash transferrred to N. H. Wright, treas- urer elect.....		1,279 99
	\$2,616 94	\$2,616 94

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WESTFORD, March 7, 1887.

I have examined the accounts of J. B. Heald, from February 12th to date, and find them correct.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Auditor.*

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WESTFORD, Feb. 27, 1888.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF WESTFORD :

GENTLEMEN—I have examined the accounts of Nahum H. Wright, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

The receipts and payments made by him during the year are as follows :

## RECEIPTS.

To balance case on hand March 7, 1887..	\$1,279 99
cash borrowed.....	5,000 00
from state corporation tax, 1887.....	1,264 59
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	\$7,544 58



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$7,544 58
To cash from state corporation tax, 1886, balance.....	5 76
“ “ bank tax, 1887.....	759 42
“ “ soldiers' families, 1886.....	612 00
“ “ indigent soldiers, 1886.....	252 00
“ “ school fund, 1886-7.....	175 73
“ “ armory rent, 1887.....	175 00
“ County Treasurer, dog tax, 1887.....	165 87
“ J. H. Wilson, janitor town house.....	59 00
“ A. Fisher, auctioneer's license..	2 00
“ Town of Groton, scholars, No. 3.....	12 50
“ M. H. A. Evans, rent Keyes' Pond.....	1 00
“ J. S. Moulton, books sold.....	19 00
“ George Webster, old iron.....	6 15
“ billiard table license.....	3 00
“ I. E. Day, collector, 1885, in full.....	726 53
“ “ “ 1886.....	765 53
“ “ “ 1887, before Oct. 6....	9,045 37
“ “ “ 1887, before Dec. 6....	1,048 44
“ “ “ 1887, after Dec. 6.....	153 60
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	\$21,532 48

## PAYMENTS.

By cash for notes and interest.....	\$7,147 50
“ state tax, 1887.....	1,372 50
“ county tax, 1887.....	641 70
“ Overseers of Poor.....	1,576 72
on orders for incidental and other ex- penses.....	6,368 43
on account of schools.....	4,415 31
on hand .....	10 32
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	\$21,532 48

J. HENRY READ, *Auditor*.

# ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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The Assessors of the Town of Westford submit the following report:

Value of buildings exclusive of land, May 1, 1887.....	\$484,315 00
land exclusive of buildings, May 1, 1887.....	377,723 00
personal estate, May 1, 1887. ....	192,369 00
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	\$1,054,407 00

Amount raised for:

Town debts and charges.....	\$4,000 00
Schools .....	4,000 00
Roads and bridges.....	2,200 00
Graniteville school-house, for cementing cellar .....	130 00
Enforcement liquor law.....	100 00
County tax.....	641 70
State tax.....	1,372 50
Overlayings.....	199 94
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Total amount assessed.....\$12,644 14

Tax on one hundred dollars, \$1.10.

Number of polls.....	518
dwelling houses.....	451
horses.....	324
cows.....	659
neat cattle other than cows.....	198
sheep.....	5
swine.....	97

ASAPH B. CUTTER,  
ISAAC E. DAY,  
A. R. LEIGHTON,  
*Assessors of Westford.*

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

### TOWN TREASURER.

J. B. Heald, salary as town treasurer, for the year ending March 1, 1887.....	\$50 00	
		\$50 00

### TOWN CLERK.

Gilman J. Wright, salary as town clerk.....	\$12 00	
Going to Groton to count votes.....	2 50	
Copying for Town Report.....	2 00	
Dog license blanks.....	1 00	
Postage and express.....	2 71	
Two files for filing returns of marriages and deaths.....	2 35	
Moving safe.....	1 25	
Stationery .....	22	
Ballot-box crank.....	25	
Record book.....	30	
Recording and making returns to Sec. of Commonwealth of 43 births.....	21 50	
Recording and making returns to Sec. of Commonwealth of 22 marriages.....	3 30	
Recording and making returns to Sec. of Commonwealth of 59 deaths.....	8 15	
		\$57 53

### SELECTMEN.

George T. Day, salary.....	\$5 00	
Making out monthly State aid book.....	6 00	
Making out 24 State aid returns, under Chaps. 252 and 301, Acts 1879, Public Statutes.....	6 00	
Making out town report.....	6 00	
Making out return to fire insurance com- missioner.....	1 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads.....	30 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	25 00	
		\$79 00

A. P. Richardson, salary.....	\$5 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads.....	20 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$49 00
Isaac W. Carkin, salary.....	\$5 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads.....	20 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$40 00

## ASSESSORS.

A. B. Cutter, 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' time taking invoice and making taxes.....	\$48 13	
I. E. Day, 21 days' time taking invoice and making taxes.....	52 50	
A. R. Leighton, 18 days' time taking invoice and making taxes.....	45 00	
	<hr/>	\$145 63

## TAX COLLECTOR.

Isaac E. Day, collecting \$12,336.11, at 1 %, collecting poll taxes.....	\$123 38 5 00	
	<hr/>	\$128 38

## CONSTABLES.

Isaac E. Day, posting warrants for three town meetings .....	\$12 00	
Going to Lowell, to serve notice on Stony Brook R. R. Co., for meeting of Select- men laying out road at Graniteville...	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$13 50

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

J. B. Heald, attending three meetings.....	\$4 50	
preparing and posting voting lists.....	3 50	
W. O. Hawks, attending seven meetings.....	10 50	
F. L. Fletcher, " " ".....	10 50	
Nelson L. Tuttle, " four ".....	6 00	
Gilman J. Wright, " seven ".....	10 50	
Preparing and posting voting lists.....	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$49 00

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. S. Moulton, Supt. winter term, 1886-7....	\$50 00	
Making school report.....	10 00	
Services as book agent.....	8 00	
Making return to State.....	2 00	
Two books.....	1 75	
Superintendent spring term, 1887.....	50 00	
Transporting books.....	75	
	<hr/>	\$122 50

# ORDERS DRAWN BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

April, by order.....	\$133 60	
April, by order.....	355 48	
June, by order.....	145 85	
July, by order.....	71 12	
August, by order.....	142 52	
October, by order.....	99 30	
November, by order.....	179 14	
December, by order.....	211 87	
January, by order.....	128 14	
February, by order.....	109 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,576 72

## EXPENSE OF THE TOWN LIBRARY, INCLUDING SERVICES AS LIBRARIAN.

Paid Clara M. Wiley, for services as Librarian from January, 1887, to April, 1887..	\$15 00	
Clara M. Wiley, for services as Librarian from April, 1887, to January, 1888,	55 50	
Clara M. Wiley, extra time moving books, cleaning Library, etc.....	5 00	
Morning Mail Office, printing cards and 600 lists of books.....	6 25	
H. H. Wilder, repairs on stove pipe, etc.	2 50	
Wright & Fletcher, paper for covering books.....	11 01	
J. M. Fletcher, ledger, mucilage, ink, etc.,	2 37	
Directors in May.....	150 00	
Directors in October, from money received for dog licences.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$347 63

## TOWN HOUSE.

### EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING AND CARE OF SAME.

Paid J. H. Wilson, services as janitor from February, 1887, to April, 1887.....	8 00	
J. H. Wilson, services as janitor from April, 1887, to February, 1888.....	50 00	
J. H. Wilson, extra work on furnace....	1 00	
J. H. Wilson, for sawing five cords wood	7 50	
E. H. Fletcher, for two cords wood.....	10 00	
W. W. Johnson, for three cords wood...	15 75	
W. W. Johnson, for 24,340 lbs. broken coal, at \$6 per ton.....	73 02	
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<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	\$165 27	



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$165 72	
Paid George Drew, for repairs....	1 25	
Wright & Fletcher, for 98 gallons oil....	11 76	
Wright & Fletcher, for chimneys, burners, wicks, matches, etc.....	9 57	
Wright & Fletcher, for brooms, coal shovel, etc.....	3 20	
J. M. Fletcher, for 30 gallons oil.....	3 60	
J. M. Fletcher, for burners.....	64	
	<hr/>	\$195 29

## INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory received from the State.....	\$175 00
Received for rent of Hall....	59 00
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	\$234 00

## PRINTING.

Paid F. A. Frost, votes on license.....	\$1 50	
Morning Mail Office, 600 Town Reports,	76 20	
Morning Mail Office, circulars, etc.....	2 25	
Morning Mail Office, paper and posters..	5 85	
Vox Populi Office, 500 School Reports..	38 40	
	<hr/>	\$124 20

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid A. P. Richardson, attending twenty-six funerals with hearse .....	\$52 00	
N. H. Wright, auditor for Town Treas- urer and Overseers of the Poor, 1886,	4 00	
Marshall & Hamblett, for legal services..	100 00	
A. W. Cummings, appraising property at Town Farm, 1887.....	2 00	
A. W. Cummings, copying reports of appraisal .....	50	
Nathaniel Sweetser, damage to sleigh and harness from defect in road near the house of Alfred Woodbury.....	4 00	
postage, stationery, etc., for Town officers	5 42	
freight and express charges as per bill..	14 85	
Geo. Tyler, for castings for road machine	15 25	
S. M. Hutchins, for mowing grass, and work at East Cemetery.....	9 32	
S. M. Hutchins, for resetting head stones at East Cemetery.....	5 85	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$213 19	

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$213 19
Paid S. H. Nutting, mowing grass in North Cemetery .....	5 00
J. T. Colburn, mowing grass in West Cemetery .....	6 50
W. M. Whitney, appraising property at Town Farm, 1887.....	2 00
Jeptha Wright, for use of land for target practice for cavalry.....	3 00
for postage and stationery.....	6 55
H. McIntire, M. D., for returning four births.....	1 00
J. F. Smith, M. D., for viewing body of boy drowned in Sought-for pond ...	1 50
J. F. Smith, M. D., for sanitary inspection at Forge Village.....	2 00
Estate of George Hutchins, for one stone lifter .....	13 50
Estate of George Hutchins, for eighteen lbs. steel drills .....	2 25
Geo. F. Brownell, for silver fringe repairing hearse.....	1 65
for one telephone message to Boston....	30
W. W. Johnson, for drawing cement pipe from Lowell .....	2 00
T. E. Symmes, for surveying road at Graniteville and drawing plan.....	9 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for returning 31 births to town clerk, 1886-'87, under Chapter 158, Statutes of 1883.....	7 75
for repairs on safe key, key for Selectmen's Room, express, etc.....	1 00
I. W. Carkin, for furnishing and setting five stone bounds on road surveyed by T. E. Symmes .....	1 50
E. Prescott, Fire Warden, for furnishing three men one day guarding fire near Poor Farm Hill.....	6 00
E. Prescott, for brick and cement for furnace.....	3 12
H. H. Wilder, for furnace and labor at Town House .....	140 76
H. H. Wilder, for cook stove and pipe for Town House Kitchen.....	7 80
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill, sundries for town officers, roads, etc.....	8 31
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	\$445 68

# REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND ARTICLES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

## CENTRE SCHOOL HOUSE.—TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid George Drew, for glass and labor.....	\$2 50	
George Drew, for repairing lock.....	25	
George Drew, for material and labor...	5 27	
J. M. Fletcher, for crayons and ink ....	1 30	
J. M. Fletcher, for table, brooms, coal-hod, etc.....	1 95	
Wright & Fletcher, for broom, dust-pan, etc.....	1 15	
T. A. Bean, for repairing funnel.....	50	
C. W. Blood, for repairing stove and funnel.....	5 70	
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		\$18 62

## STONY BROOK SCHOOL.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, for crayons.....	\$0 40	
George Drew, for material and labor....	40 90	
George Drew, for glass and labor.....	7 12	
for repairs of stove.....	50	
Wright & Fletcher, for coal-seive and shovel .....	1 95	
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		\$50 87

## FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOL HOUSE.—TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, for crayons.....	\$0 20	
George Drew, for repairing fence.....	2 75	
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		\$2 95

## NASHOBA SCHOOL.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, for crayons.....	\$0 40	
F. W. Mills, for cleaning clock .....	2 00	
George Drew, for material and labor...	44 57	
George Drew, for lock and glass.....	6 67	
Wright & Fletcher, for broom.....	30	
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		\$53 94

## PARKERVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid George H. Holt, for repairing pump, 1886	\$2 50	
J. M. Fletcher, for crayons.....	40	
J. M. Fletcher, for brooms and dust-brush	1 07	
Wright & Fletcher, for broom.....	30	
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		\$4 27

## MINOT'S CORNER SCHOOL.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, for crayons.....	\$0 20	
George Drew, for glass and labor.....	3 10	
Wright & Fletcher, for broom, etc.....	1 27	
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		\$4 57

## NABNASSET SCHOOL.

Paid Geo. H. Holt, for Centennial pump, 1886	\$13 50	
Geo. H. Holt, for cleaning out well, 1886	4 00	
Geo. H. Holt, for cementing well, 1886..	2 75	
J. M. Fletcher, for crayons.....	20	
Geo. Drew, for material and labor.....	4 75	
Geo. Drew, for glass and labor.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$26 70

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR SCHOOL.

Paid Geo. H. Holt, for Centennial pump, 1886	\$12 00	
Geo. H. Holt, for lumber and labor on platform .....	4 00	
J. M. Fletcher, for crayons and ink. ...	90	
Hiram Dane, for repairs.....	3 45	
Wright & Fletcher, for broom, &c.....	72	
	<hr/>	\$21 07

## LYON SCHOOL.

Paid Wright & Eletcher, dust-pan.....	\$0 12	
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## GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE.—TRHEE SCHOOLS.

Paid Wright & Bemis, for crayons, books, &c, 1886.....	\$4 15	
Wright & Bemis, for brooms, dusters, ivorine, &c., 1886 .....	5 91	
Wright & Bemis, for furnace door, snow shovel, wood saw, axe, &c., 1886....	4 85	
Geo. H. Holt, for Centennial pump, 1887	14 90	
Wright & Bemis, for crayons, 1887.....	1 91	
Wright & Bemis, for repairs on furnace..	6 00	
Wright & Bemis, for brooms, mops, &c.	2 30	
Wright & Bemis, for slates, ink, &c....	1 54	
Wright & Bemis, for coal seive, shovel...	1 65	
Wright & Bemis, for lantern and basket.	2 75	
Wright & Bemis, for oil-cloth, hinges, screws, &c.....	2 52	
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## EXPENSE OF CEMENTING CELLAR AT GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Paid Waldo Brothers, for cement.....	\$39 00	
B. & L. R. R. Co., for freight on cement	6 70	
J. O. Kidder, for labor.....	19 70	
Julian Whitney, for labor.....	8 31	
Myron J. Woods, for labor.....	12 61	
F. H. Lewis, teaming gravel, cement, &c., and other expenses.....	14 00	
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## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Paid for books purchased of Boston School Supply Co., Ginn & Co., Harrison Hume and others before Mar., 1887..		\$42 05
J. S. Moulton, express on books.....		1 70
Boston School Supply Co., for books, slates, &c.....		78 83
D. Appleton & Co., books, &c.....		19 88
King & Merrill, for slates, ink, pens, &c.....		13 05
Ginn & Co., for books, &c.....		16 50
Cowperthwaite & Co., for books, &c...		21 20
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for books, &c...		5 10
Carrol W. Clarke, for report cards.....		1 00
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, for spelling blanks .....		1 50
Clarke & Maynard, for grade lessons...		3 60
Interstate Pub. Co., language lessons, &c.....		16 17
Prang Educational Co., drawing blank, &c.....		12 00
D. C. Heath & Co., maps, books, &c....		8 00
Express and freight on books, &c.....		3 00
F. M. Ambrose, for books.....		14 00
Educational Pub. Co., for readers, &c...		1 50
Harrison Hume, for books, &c.....		16 02
Sower, Potts & Co., for books, &c.....		2 25
Wm. Ware & Co., for books, &c.....		17 48
C. H. Whiting, for books, &c.....		5 96
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		\$300 79

## STATE AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

*As Authorized by Chap. 252, Acts of 1879.*

Paid—January .....	\$36 00
February.....	36 00
March.....	36 00
April .....	36 00
May.....	36 00
June .....	36 00
July.....	36 00
August.....	36 00
September.....	36 00
October.....	36 00
November.....	36 00
December .....	48 00
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	\$444 00



## STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES

*As Authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1879.*

Paid—January .....	60 50	
February .....	60 50	
March .....	60 50	
April .....	60 50	
May .....	60 50	
June .....	60 50	
July .....	60 50	
August .....	59 50	
September .....	59 50	
October .....	59 50	
November .....	59 50	
December .....	59 50	
	<hr/>	\$721 00
Expense of looking up settlement of appli- cants for State aid, 1887-8.....	\$12 00	
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## REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Of the amount raised for repairs of roads and bridges and breaking roads, the sum of \$1,649.60 has been paid to H. D. Pierce, Master of Town Farm, for work of self, men and horses; work of all others, \$756.16.

After the roads had been repaired during the spring and early summer, an unusual fall of rain, in a thunder storm, caused bad washouts in a number of places. Many of the roads were rendered impassable, and before these washouts had been fully repaired, a second heavy fall of rain caused as much damage as the first, and left the roads in worse condition than in the spring, before anything had been done to them, consequently the road expense was unavoidably increased.

Paid Alexander Berry, for cutting brush, 1886,	\$11 10
Wright & Bemis, for powder and fuse..	5 65
W. F. Balch .....	1 50
C. R. P. Decatur .....	3 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$21 25

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$21 25
Paid James Hildreth.....	2 40
James H. O'Brien and others, for cutting brush.....	9 20
Julian Hildreth.....	5 00
Charles G. Wright, 1886.....	4 20
John O'Brien, for repairing bridge.....	5 50
Estate of B. Emerson, for gravel in 1886 for Makepeace road.....	15 00
Julian Wilkerson, April and May.....	46 87
Henry Ruiter, April and May.....	45 37
W. H. Brown, for repairs on Beaver Brook Bridge.....	4 00
George F. Carlin, for self and horse ...	2 70
Julian Wilkerson, for June and July ...	42 73
Henry Ruiter, for June.....	33 00
Francis Caldwell .....	1 80
Julian Wilkerson, for August.....	30 00
John A. Haley, for building railing at Graniteville .....	5 50
John A. Haley, for building 37 feet bank wall .....	10 00
John A. Haley, for building bridge across town road at Graniteville.....	119 00
Charles Crabb, August.....	31 50
Samuel L. Taylor, for 20 loads gravel, and 6 hours work.....	2 50
W. S. Fifield .....	1 50
Julian Wilkerson, September.....	37 85
Charles Crabb, September.....	36 37
C. R. Flanders, for cutting brush.....	5 00
Mary A. Smith, for 100 loads gravel, for hardening road.....	5 00
G. S. Frederick, for cutting brush.....	2 32
Julian Wilkerson, October and Novem- ber .....	48 15
Charles Crabb, October and November..	45 00
James O'Brien, for work of self and horse.....	12 00
P. G. Collins.....	1 50
Edwin Gould....	10 63
Hammet D. Wright, for covering-stone	35 44
James Boynton, for gravel, in 1886....	10 00
James McGlincha.....	3 00
John O'Brien.....	6 00
E. H. Flagg.....	4 05
C. F. Dodge.....	1 50

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*Amount carried forward* ..... \$702 83

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$702 83	
G. T. Day, for cleaning sluices and cutting brush.....	4 50	
Angus McDonald .....	3 00	
A. P. Richardson, for gravel, in 1886-'7.	25 00	
A. P. Richardson, for work....	1 80	
Wm. Reed, for covering-stone furnished in 1884.....	5 60	
Wm. Reed, for covering-stone furnished in 1885.....	6 76	
Wm. Reed, for covering-stone furnished in 1886....	10 50	
Henry A. Fletcher, for 6 days' work hauling gravel and stone chips on road to Brookside.....	20 00	
Heirs of Rufus Palten, for material used on roads in 1886-'7.....	15 00	
J. H. Kavenaugh .....	5 50	
Wm. Gorman, for work on Makepeace road.....	7 50	
John A. Haley, work on extension of Palmer bridge.....	33 00	
H. D. Pierce, for work of self, men and teams.....	1,618 60	
	<hr/>	\$2,459 59

## BREAKING ROADS.

Paid W. F. Balch.....	\$0 83	
Geo. E. Gould and men, 52 hours.....	7 80	
James Hildreth, men and horses, 56 hrs.	11 20	
E. H. Fletcher, men and horses, 11 hrs...	8 80	
G. A. Perham, clearing road after ice storm.....	3 30	
S. E. Hutchins and men, 31 hours.....	4 65	
L. O. Butterfield.....	4 05	
Dennis Burke and men, 16 hours.....	2 40	
C. M. Griffin.....	2 48	
S. M. Hutchins.....	60	
G. S. Frederick.....	1 20	
E. A. Stevens.....	4 00	
James O'Brien.....	1 20	
F. W. Bannister.....	4 65	
W. W. Johnson, men and horses.....	15 00	
H. D. Pierce, men and horses.....	31 00	
Julian Wilkerson, and others.....	8 60	
Francis Caldwell, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.....	1 86	
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## TAXES ORDERED AS ERRORS.

1884, Jerry Murphy .....	\$2 00
1885, Patrick Aloe .....	2 00
John Butler.....	2 00
Hiram Brownell.....	2 00
John Driscoll.....	2 00
John Howard.....	2 00
Wm. M. Lee.....	2 00
Joseph Lee .....	2 00
Martin Wood.....	2 00
1887, Abbott & Co.....	47 30

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 \$65 30

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1884, J. M. Dow .....	\$2 00
Edwin Gilson .....	2 00
John York.....	2 00
1885, Charles Burns.....	2 00
Nelson Constantino.....	2 00
Daniel Cahill.....	2 00
George Cuming .....	2 00
Henry Dilbery.....	2 00
Edmund Dow .....	2 44
James Daley.....	2 00
George F. Daley.....	2 00
James Dillings.....	1 31
James Hennisy .....	2 00
Christopher Holmes .....	2 33
George C. Hill.....	2 00
W. T. Johns .....	2 00
L. B. Leland.....	2 00
Paul Lord.....	2 00
George Moriarty.....	2 00
Jeremiah Murphy.....	2 00
John Merrill.....	2 00
James M. Dow .....	2 00
Charles Devlin.....	2 00
Henry H. Ford.....	2 00
Samuel Fournier.....	2 00
F. E. Parker.....	2 60
George N. Reed.....	2 00
Thomas Rickerds.....	2 00
Charles Reed.....	2 00
Jerome Smythe .....	2 00
Gideon J. Sylvester .....	2 00
James Stercome .....	2 00
W. W. Styles.....	2 00
Ames Turner.....	2 00
Daniel Welch .....	2 00
Clarence Webster .....	2 00

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 \$72 68

# SUMMARY.

	1887.	1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	1878.	1877.
Town Officers.....	\$421 16	\$473 21	\$718 80	\$408 27	\$435 67	\$380 67	\$439 47	\$436 81	\$380 16	\$345 32	\$375 97
Tax Collector and Constables.....	141 88	165 98	161 50	194 87	136 15	147 80	143 39	178 40	141 55	147 98	152 34
School Committee.....	122 50	171 75	167 85	211 50	112 50	172 50	166 33	168 25	164 75	170 00	183 40
Town Library.....	347 63	380 30	360 69	380 97	414 68	377 11	536 38	319 20	340 05	293 49	336 28
Town House.....	195 29	174 13	194 83	169 09	165 33	196 73	175 84	183 45	171 12	166 47	226 25
Printing.....	124 20	215 35	140 75	129 15	138 47	153 97	142 95	126 90	119 75	110 68	179 85
Insurance.....		365 00	285 00	30 00	97 75		183 00	216 75		118 50	
School Houses.....	331 91	148 79	416 10	271 46	112 64	65 92	190 55	170 96	164 91	118 35	189 36
Incidental Expenses.....	445 68	619 08	519 62	591 08	774 84	493 46	508 27	500 42	460 07	870 71	897 11
State Aid.....	444 00	612 00	590 00	455 70	393 00	338 00	363 00	427 50	360 00	533 50	414 00
State Aid to Indigent Soldiers.....	721 00	509 00	534 00	461 00	467 00	514 00	387 40	449 00	229 70	374 40	
Roads and Bridges.....	2,459 59	2,537 12	2,217 47	1,654 84	1,934 77	1,477 41	1,552 07	1,504 19	1,454 98	1,871 81	1,808 13
Breaking Roads.....	113 62		44 68	196 36							
Overseers of Poor.....	1,576 72	1,994 50	2,185 24	1,854 40	2,058 68	2,029 76	2,147 94	1,680 66	1,913 32	1,561 39	2,331 00
Abatement of Taxes.....	72 68	75 54	90 54	90 56	11 92	620 86		70 86	239 22	140 26	
Errors in Taxes.....	65 30	96 35	6 59	174 17							
Schools, Books, etc.....	300 79	476 69	687 96	76 08							
No. 8 School House, etc.....			1,631 11								
Registration Board.....	49 00	35 50	33 00	94 70							
Guide Boards.....			50 00				206 54	231 86	216 45	151 45	
State Aid Expenses.....	12 00	67 50									
	\$7,945 15	\$9,114 74	\$11,035 73	\$13,863 09	\$8,427 16	\$8,319 56					

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*



# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending February 11, 1888 :

## AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING FARMING TOOLS, BY APPRAISAL BY THE COMMITTEE.

February 11, 1888.....	\$3,344 32
February 12, 1887.....	3,392 07
Loss on personal property.....	\$47 75

## RECEIPTS.

*Income from the Farm, as by H. D. Pierce's books.*

Received for one horse.....	\$155 00
stove.....	3 07
milk cans.....	10 00
mowing.....	3 00
use of corn cutter.....	2 50.
use of corn planter.....	3 00
pumpkins.....	1 40
pickles.....	1 60
hide.....	2 70
calves.....	44 50
hens.....	10 20
cider.....	42 29
onions.....	6 60
milk.....	904 97
turnips.....	30
beans.....	1 60
rye.....	14 67
cows.....	175 05
board.....	28 00
squashes.....	2 76
beef.....	12 55
beets.....	2 40
wood furnished out-side poor.....	14 00
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$1,442 16</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$1,442 16
Received for work on roads .....	1,649 60
cranberries.....	79 00
pork.....	6 72
carrots.....	1 75
eggs.....	15
potatoes.....	17 30
indigent soldiers.....	288 00
peas and beets.....	4 71
pig.....	2 50
sundries.....	70
straw.....	20 52
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	\$3,513 11

## PAYMENTS.

Paid for groceries.....	\$503 29
grain.....	732 52
hay.....	119 83
labor.....	1270 83
turkeys.....	3 54
filing saw.....	60
weighing straw.....	30
milk measure.....	25
leading ring.....	30
coffee pot.....	65
Thomas Carney.....	5 50
John P. Green.....	8 75
horse.....	155 00
digging grave for Mrs. Eunice Fletcher.....	2 50
pump.....	33 15
Charles H. Rowley, attending funeral of Mrs. Eunice Fletcher.....	2 00
wheelwright work.....	6 49
soap.....	7 25
coal.....	17 46
harness work.....	35 10
stove.....	7 00
fish.....	8 44
tea and coffee.....	8 80
tin ware.....	3 07
clothing.....	14 50
meat.....	190 64
crackers.....	24 75
medicine.....	7 65
cows.....	205 50
blacksmith work.....	88 96
hardware.....	11 39
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$3,476 01

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$3,476 01
Paid for repairing boots and shoes.....	2 35
drain pipe.....	18 46
house paper.....	1 75
kettle.....	55
boiler.....	6 50
H. D. Pierce, one year's salary.....	550 00
window curtains.....	2 25
freight.....	1 10
milk books.....	1 00
stationery, &c.....	25
repairing road machine.....	1 50
fertilizer.....	33 40
garget cure.....	3 00
weighing hay.....	76
tin pail.....	1 20
brooms.....	30
tool marker.....	1 25
mowing machine sections.....	2 00
apples.....	7 65
pasturing cows.....	21 27
berries.....	50
cement.....	1 45
repairing ensilage cutter.....	6 75
machine links.....	1 02
collar pad.....	1 00
stove back.....	75
raking cranberries.....	16 50
saw and clearer.....	2 00
laths.....	35
butter.....	20 88
cutting corn.....	58 75
wrench.....	1 00
milk cooler.....	3 50
milk cans.....	10 00
pigs.....	10 00
lumber.....	9 98
butchering.....	2 00
tools.....	2 90
express.....	1 60
expenses for Wm. Bateman.....	5 40
Wm. Reed for sharpening tools.....	6 76
Loss on personal property.....	47 75
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	\$4,343 39
Deduct income from the farm.....	\$3,513 11
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands.....	255 27
Expense of keeping 354 tramps.....	88 50
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	\$3,856 88
Leaves the cost of supporting the poor inside almhouse.	\$486 51

# COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for care and board of Emily Lew.....	\$127 00
hospital bills for the insane.....	537 22
wood, etc. for Jane A. L. Patch.....	18 65
funeral expenses of Ruth E Young.....	26 15
J. B. Heald, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. Flynn's child.....	4 50
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs Harrington's family.....	62 00
aid rendered Sarah G. Ingalls.....	43 50
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on W. Haley.....	4 00
W. J. Sleeper, medical attendance on S. L. Prescott,	38 50
W. J. Sleeper, for medical attendance on W. H. Piper's family.....	19 25
W. J. Sleeper, for medical attendance on Wm. Bateman.....	1 50
Wright & Bemis, goods furnished Julian Wilkerson,	8 00
Wright & Bemis, for goods furnished Mrs. Davie..	52 00
Wright & Bemis, for goods furnished S. L. Prescott	104 00
one truss for Mrs. Holt.....	5 00
goods for Mrs. Harrington.....	22 68
goods for Mrs. W. O. Wright.....	6 00
City of Cambridge, for Varnum Fletcher.....	2 00
Town of Lancaster, for J. F. Banister.....	51 75
J. F. Smith, M.D., for medical attendance on Annie Brown.....	3 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Daniel Harper.....	8 00
City of Lowell, aid rendered Margaret Casey's family,	12 50
City of Lowell, for aid rendered Joseph T. Whitcomb,	10 00
E. Prescott, for making out reports to State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity.....	5 00
E. Prescott, for making out report to the Town....	5 00
E. Prescott, for time and expense in looking up the settlement of Catherine Callahan.....	8 00
E. Prescott, for services as Overseer of the Poor..	10 00
E. Prescott, for postage and stationery.....	2 00
I. W. Carlin, for services as Overseer of the Poor.	10 00
Geo. Gould, for services as Overseer of the Poor...	10 00
Aid, for Nellie Flynn.....	9 00
Aid, for George Daily.....	2 50
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Mary E. Brown.....	10 00
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Nellie Levis.....	6 00

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\$1,244 70

Received from the City of Lowell on account of Emily Lew.....	\$266 92	
Received from the City of Gloucester on account of Ruth E. Young.....	31 25	
Received from Town of Tyngsboro on account of Sarah G. Ingalls .....	43 50	
Received from Town of Groton on account of Mary Whittemore.....	48 00	
Due from the Town of Acton on account of W. H. Piper .....	19 25	
Due from the State on account of Nellie Levis .....	6 00	
Due from City of Boston on account of Mary E. and Annie Brown .....	13 00	
Due from the City of Lawrence on account of William Bateman.....	7 90	
	<hr/>	\$435 82
Expenses of the poor outside of the almshouse.....		\$808 88

## STATEMENT.

Cash in Overseers' hands at last settlement .....	\$126 35
in hands of Master of Almshouse at last settlement,	194 52
drawn from the Town Treasurer.....	1,576 72
Loss on personal property.....	47 75
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	\$1,945 34

Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands.....	\$255 27
Cash in Overseers' hands.....	71 79
Due from the town of Acton on account of W. H. Piper.....	19 25
Due from the State on account of Nellie Levis .....	6 00
Due from the city of Boston on account of Mary E. and Annie Brown.....	13 00
Due from the city of Lawrence on account of Wm. Bateman.....	7 90
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	\$373 21

Cost of supporting the poor exclusive of interest on farm \$1,572 13

Number receiving two meals and lodging .....	354
Number supported in the almshouse.....	4
Average number.....	4
Number receiving assistance outside of almshouse..	39

EDWARD PRESCOTT,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,  
GEORGE E. GOULD.

*Overseers of the Poor.*



## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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WESTFORD, MASS., Feb. 27, 1888.

GENTLEMEN,—I have examined the books of the Overseers of the Poor, including the accounts kept by the Master of the Almshouse, for the year ending February 11, 1888, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

Respectfully yours,

NAHUM H. WRIGHT, *Auditor.*

TO MESSRS. GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*

# APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

AT THE ALMSHOUSE IN WESTFORD, MASS., FEB. 11, 1888.

5 horses.....	\$1,050 00	4 iron bars.....	\$3 00
7 harnesses.....	125 00	5 garden hoes.....	1 25
Neck yokes and eveners...	16 00	4 picks.....	3 00
Curry combs and brushes..	50	Stone tools.....	8 00
5 halters.....	4 00	9 shovels.....	4 50
1 wolf robe.....	5 00	5 iron rakes.....	1 50
4 blankets.....	7 00	5 scythes and snaths.....	3 00
4 feed bags.....	2 50	2 potato diggers.....	80
9 feed boxes.....	2 00	3 hoes.....	50
12 cows.....	480 00	4 manure forks.....	3 00
1 bull.....	15 00	5 hay forks.....	1 75
11 tons English hay.....	220 00	2 grindstones.....	3 75
2 tons meadow hay.....	12 00	1 lot shingles.....	1 00
20 tons ensilage.....	100 00	1 mowing machine.....	30 00
1 bag cotton seed.....	1 40	Lot pop corn.....	3 00
50 lbs. middlings.....	75	10 bags.....	2 00
4 bags meal.....	5 60	Sacks.....	50
6 bushels oats.....	3 00	700 lbs. phosphate.....	15 75
2 bags cracked corn.....	2 80	Corn sheller.....	2 00
1 set of measures.....	40	3 bushel rye.....	2 10
2 flails.....	50	1 fanning mill.....	4 00
2 water-pots.....	25	Ladders.....	7 00
2 horse muzzles.....	1 50	Lot fresh meat.....	6 00
Wrenches and hammer....	2 00	1 tub.....	25
1 ensilage cutter.....	50 00	1 apple picker.....	25
1 pung.....	10 00	2 shoats.....	16 00
2 two-horse sleds.....	60 00	21 fowles.....	15 75
1 one-horse sled.....	10 00	1 hay knife.....	1 00
1 sleigh.....	2 50	2 harrows.....	8 00
4 carts.....	100 00	Rope and pulleys.....	1 00
1 hay wagon.....	30 00	1 range.....	30 00
1 farm wagon.....	15 00	3 stoves.....	15 00
1 stone wagon.....	25 00	10 beds, bedding, &c.....	250 00
1 express wagon.....	30 00	6 tables.....	3 00
1 wagon.....	5 00	1-extension table.....	8 00
1 wheel-barrow.....	2 00	5 chests and drawers.....	4 00
1 horse rake.....	15 00	3 light stands.....	75
1 drag rake.....	50	1 chamber set.....	10 00
1 roller.....	6 00	1 cabinet chair.....	1 00
1 stone drag.....	5 00	12 chairs.....	2 00
1 dirt scraper.....	5 00	1 bed pan.....	75
1½ barrels cement.....	2 75	3 rocking chairs.....	1 50
3 plows.....	20 00	3 snow shovels.....	75
2 cultivators.....	8 00	2 seives.....	75
1 corn planter.....	10 00	Oil cloth carpet.....	2 00
Barbed wire.....	1 00	Window and door screens..	10 00
5 rakes.....	50	1 sofa.....	3 00
1 feed cutter.....	1 00	6 looking glasses.....	2 00
5 chains.....	4 00	Shovel and tongs.....	1 00

Cradle .....	\$1 00	50 pounds tallow .....	\$2 50
1 caster .....	50	50 pounds lard .....	5 50
1 cow bell .....	50	20 tubs .....	1 00
1 dinner bell .....	50	Lot of fruit jars .....	1 50
1 steelyards .....	1 75	Set of wood bowls .....	1 00
2 porcelain kettles .....	1 50	2 cranberry rakes .....	2 25
1 copper kettle .....	1 75	Sausage meat .....	2 00
1 brass kettle .....	1 00	1 churn .....	1 50
2 chopping knives and tray .....	1 25	Cheese press .....	1 00
5 earth pots .....	1 50	1 branding iron .....	1 50
Stoneware .....	2 00	$\frac{1}{2}$ bushel beans .....	1 25
2 dozen Mason cans .....	2 25	2 apple parers .....	1 75
3 brooms .....	50	2 chests .....	1 00
1 barn broom .....	30	2 saw horses .....	50
2 mops .....	50	1 strainer .....	1 00
1 white wash brush .....	1 50	1 meat cutter .....	2 50
Knives, forks and spoons .....	4 50	1 meat chest .....	1 50
Crockery .....	12 50	Clothes ringer .....	2 50
Slop pail .....	30	2 axes .....	2 00
Tin ware .....	26 00	Carpenters' tools .....	12 00
15 dozen candles .....	4 25	3 wood saws .....	1 00
$1\frac{1}{4}$ barrels flour .....	8 00	100 pounds corned beef .....	5 00
Spices and box .....	1 25	300 pounds pork .....	27 00
1 pound tea .....	50	100 pounds ham .....	10 00
1 pound coffee .....	25	2 barrel pickles .....	16 00
2 lbs. soda .....	12	25 pounds butter .....	7 00
25 pounds g. sugar .....	2 00	Apples .....	1 50
2 pounds c. sugar .....	14	25 bushels potatoes .....	15 00
2 pounds raisins .....	20	20 gallons vinegar .....	2 40
7 candle sticks .....	75	Beets and turnips .....	1 00
Candle moulds .....	1 50	22 empty barrels .....	10 00
4 water pails .....	80	4 gallons oil .....	48
Glass ware .....	3 75	6 pounds cheese .....	78
6 lamps .....	2 00	11 jars picalilli .....	3 00
7 flat irons .....	1 75	7 jars chilli sauce .....	2 10
Table linen and towels .....	5 00	7 bottles ketchup .....	1 40
Injection pipe .....	1 50	39 jars preserves .....	11 70
Padlock and chain .....	75	2 jars pickles .....	50
3 lanterns .....	2 25	4 jars peaches .....	1 00
2 clothes baskets .....	75	1 ton coal .....	6 50
3 clothes lines .....	1 00	17 cords wood .....	51 00
1 clothes dryer .....	1 00	7 cords dry wood .....	35 00
2 wash boilers .....	1 00	2 cords walnut wood .....	13 00
1 washing machine .....	1 50		
4 wash tubs .....	2 00		
			\$3,344 32

ALVAN FISHER,  
WM. M. WHITNEY,  
ARTHUR WRIGHT,  
*Appraisers of Property.*

# STONE FUND,

HELD IN TRUST BY THE SELECTMEN, FOR TOWN LIBRARY.

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Paid for one share of the stock of the Lowell Manufacturing Co.....	\$772 50
Paid for two shares of the Shoe and Leather National Bank of Boston.....	209 00
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	\$981 50
Balance in Savings Bank.....	18 50
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	\$1,000 00
The income from the Lowell Manufacturing Co., to January 1, 1888, has been...	\$40 00
The income from Shoe and Leather Bank....	10 00
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	\$50 00
The Library has also received the balance of interest due January 1, 1887.....	30 81
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Whole income from Stone Fund to January 1, 1888.....	\$80 81

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The Selectmen have to report that the Town has again received a gift of one thousand dollars, for the benefit of the Town Library, by will of the late Augustus K. Fletcher of Chippewa Falls, Wis., a native of Westford. A meeting was held by the Town, August 18, 1887, at which the following votes were passed.

“Voted, that the thanks of the Town of Westford be extended to Mrs. A. K. Fletcher for the prompt and liberal compliance with the expressed wish of her late husband, in the matter of the legacy to the Westford Town Library. Voted, that a copy of the foregoing

vote be transmitted to Mrs. A. K. Fletcher, by the Town Clerk."

The money was received by the Selectmen, in trust for the Town Library, in September, 1887, and no favorable opportunity for investment, for the best interest of the Library, presenting itself, the money was placed in the Savings Bank awaiting a more favorable investment, December, 1887.

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*



# LIBRARY REPORT.

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The Directors of the Public Library respectfully submit their thirty-third annual report for the year ending March 5, 1888:

Number of books purchased.....	255
Public Documents received from the State.....	14
Public Documents received from the United States .....	30
Other books presented.....	2
Whole number added during the year.....	301
Whole number of books in the Library.....	5708
Number of issues of books.....	8949

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance from last year.....	\$4 91
Town appropriation.....	150 00
Income from the Stone Fund .....	80 81
Dog tax appropriated.....	100 00
Fines .....	3 55
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	\$339 27

### EXPENDITURES.

For books .....	\$309 69
Binding books.....	16 45
Express and postage.....	5 20
Librarian's supplies.....	4 67
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	\$336 01
Balance unexpended.....	3 26
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	\$339 27

The Library fund has been increased the past year by a gift of one thousand dollars that it is a pleasure to acknowledge. The late Augustus K. Fletcher provided

in his will that the above named sum be given to Westford, his native town, for the benefit of the Public Library. Owing to some informality in its execution, the instrument, on presentation for probate, was declared void. None the less, the legacy was paid from her own share of the estate by Mrs. Fletcher, out of respect for the wish of her husband, and in full sympathy with his propose. The gift could hardly come in a way to make it more acceptable.

The Directors would express their obligation to those townspeople who have recommended books for the Library. If in all cases it has not seemed advisable to buy every book so recommended, the reason has usually been that a similar work was already in our collection, or the desired book was of too high a price. The absence from the Library of a desirable book is certain to be discovered, soon or late, by some disappointed applicant for it. Notice thereof will help to bring the Library to its best estate and highest usefulness.

To a limited extent, personal tastes in the choice of books can be gratified; and it is safe to assume that the Directors will be helped in their selection of books by the recommendations and suggestions of those for whose use they are purchased.

An unusually large number of books have been rebound this year. The skill attained by modern book binders in putting together books in a way to insure their speedy return for repairs, is such that it would hardly be fair to assume that the ruinous condition of so many of our volumes was due to hard usage. Still, it may not be amiss to call attention to the matter, and urge care against unnecessary injury to Library books.

The gift of two volumes of the Unitarian Review from the Unitarian Society; of several volumes of Public

Documents from Hon. George F. Hoar; and of two volumes from Mr. Nahum H. Wright, is gratefully acknowledged.

The Directors respectfully recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for the Library for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH S. ABBOTT,

FREDERIC A. FISHER,

WALTER J. SLEEPER,

*Directors of Public Library.*

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# STATEMENT.

WESTFORD, Mass., March 1st, 1888.

The Selectmen are gratified to report to the Town that the last note against the Town held by the Worcester County Institution for Savings, has been paid, and the Town is now free from debt. They submit the following statement, showing the financial condition of the Town, as taken from the Treasurer's books and other sources :

## RESOURCES.

Due from State—aid to soldiers' families, 1887.....	\$ 721 00
“ “ aid to indigent soldiers, 1887.....	219 00
“ “ corporation tax.....	
Due for old school-house in District No. 8.....	40 00
Balance of cash in Treasury, date of Auditor's report....	10 92
Taxes of 1886 remaining uncollected.....	900 00
Taxes of 1887 remaining uncollected.....	1,888 24
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	\$3,779 16
The outstanding claims are estimated at.....	250 00
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Balance in favor of the Town.....	\$3,529 16

GEORGE T. DAY,  
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ISAAC W. CARKIN,

*Selectmen of Westford.*

NAHUM H. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*



## LIST OF JURORS, 1888.

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The following names will be reported at the annual March Meeting, to be placed in the Jury Box, subject to revision by the town :

HAMMET D. WRIGHT,  
DANIEL ATWOOD,  
HENRY CHAMBERLIN,  
EDWARD E. FLETCHER,  
CHARLES E. WHIDDEN,  
EDWARD C. COOLIDGE,  
AUGUSTUS BUNCE,  
HORACE E. GOULD,  
SAMUEL G. HUMISTON,  
GEORGE W. BUSSEY,  
FRANK C. DREW,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,  
NAPOLEON B. BLOOD,  
THOMAS DREW,  
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,  
ALFRED WOODBURY,  
SAMUEL M. HUTCHINS,  
ELBERT E. FLAGG,

WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,  
JOHN W. DAY,  
FRANK L. FLETCHER,  
HUGH DAILEY,  
EDWARD PRESCOTT,  
JOHN H. HORAN,  
FRANK C. HILDRETH,  
HENRY S. BEMIS,  
CYRUS HAMLIN,  
SAMUEL T. HILDRETH,  
JOHN HUTCHINS,  
ISAAC E. DAY,  
ALVAN FISHER,  
WAYLAND F. BALCH,  
REUBEN J. BUTTERFIELD,  
GILMER STONE,  
EDWIN E. HEYWOOD,  
WILLIAM M. WHITNEY.

GEORGE T. DAY,  
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*Selectmen of Westford.*

Westford, Mass., February 28, 1888.



# WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 19, 1888.

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

MIDDLESEX SS.

*To Isaac E. Day, one of the Constables of the Town of  
Westford, in said County,*

GREETING :

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the nineteenth day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at nine o'clock, A. M., (the polls will be opened at 9 o'clock A. M., and closed at one o'clock P. M.,) to act upon the following articles, to wit :

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To hear the Report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
3. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Auditor appointed to audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer, or act in relation to the same.
4. To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
5. To hear the Report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
6. To hear the Report of the Directors of the Town Library, and act in relation to the same.
7. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
8. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, Town Treasurer, two School Committee for three years, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, three Appraisers of Property at the Town Farm, Directors of the Town Library, all on one ballot.
9. To see if the Town will vote to license the sale of ardent spirits, or act in relation to the same.

10. To raise money to defray Town debts and charges, and direct how the same shall be paid into the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.
11. To raise money for Reading and Writing Schools.
12. To choose a Collector of Taxes.
13. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.
14. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.
15. To raise money to repair roads and bridges, and direct by whom, and in what manner the same shall be expended.
16. To choose all other Town officers, necessary to be chosen, by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.
17. To hear Report of the Selectmen, in regard to petition of Benjamin Palmer and others for the laying out of a public way in Graniteville, and act in relation to the same.
18. To see if the Town will authorize the digging of a well at the Lyon School, so called, or act in relation to the same.
19. To see if the Town will vote to divide the Town into three or more districts for repairing roads and bridges, each district to be worked by inhabitants residing in that district, or act in relation to the same.
20. To see if the Town will provide, in each district, a shelter, by rent or otherwise, for the Road Department team and tools, or act in relation to the same.
21. To see if the Town will vote to allow the tax-payer to work at least two days repairing roads at the same wage as is paid the laborer for the season, or act in relation to the same.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

*Given under our hands and seals, this first day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-eight.*

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,

*Selectmen of Westford.*



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# Officers of the Town of Westford, 1888.

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TOWN CLERK.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT.

SELECTMEN.

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ISAAC W. CARKIN.

ASSESSORS.

ASAPH B. CUTTER,                      ISAAC E. DAY,  
A. RICHMOND LEIGHTON.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

EDWARD PRESCOTT,                      EDWIN GOULD,  
WAYLAND F. BALCH.

TOWN TREASURER.

NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ISAAC E. DAY.

FENCE VIEWERS.

WILLIAM KITTREDGE,                      ALVIN G. POLLY,  
ALMON S. VOSE.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

TRUE A. BEAN.

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

FRANK L. FLETCHER, *Chairman*, . Term expires May 1, 1889  
 NELSON L. TUTTLE, . . . . . Term expires May 1, 1890  
 WESLEY O. HAWKES, . . . . . Term expires May 1, 1891

The Town Clerk is a member *ex-officio*, and Clerk of the Board.

The foregoing Officers have all been sworn. Of the following only those marked by a star have been sworn :

## CONSTABLES.

*ISAAC E. DAY,	ALEC FISHER,
WILBERT E. PARSONS	*A. RICHMOND LEIGHTON,
*JOHN A. HEALEY,	*CHARLES M. GRIFFIN,

Messrs. Day and Healey have given bonds.

## FIELD DRIVERS.

FRANK C. DREW,	WILLIAM WILLIS,
*DANIEL CASEY,	DAVID GREIG,
J. FREDERICK SMITH,	*WILLIAM M. VOSE,
WILLIAM E. SYMMES,	FRANK H. HILDRETH,
*FRED LEWIS,	JUDSON SWEETSER,
SAMUEL T. HILDRETH,	EPHRAIM REED.

## WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, ETC.

J. B. FLETCHER,	E. A. HAMLIN,
*J. M. FLETCHER,	S. A. HAMLIN,
S. H. FLETCHER,	*JACOB SMITH,
*ARTHUR WRIGHT,	G. W. HEYWOOD,
A. J. ABBOT,	W. C. EDWARDS,
*W. W. JOHNSON,	J. W. DAY,
N. H. WRIGHT,	*C. E. WHIDDEN,
*J. A. HEALEY,	A. F. CAMERON.

## CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES.

WILBERT E. PARSONS.

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER, ETC.

C. L. FLETCHER,	*T. E. SYMMES,
GILMER STONE,	*C. E. WHIDDEN,
*JACOB SMITH,	G. A. PERHAM,

\*THOMAS DREW,  
\*G. H. PRESCOTT,  
E. A. HAMLIN,  
CYRUS HAMLIN,  
\*W. W. JOHNSON,

A. S. REED,  
W. C. EDWARDS,  
\*J. A. HEALEY,  
F. H. LEWIS,  
W. W. WYMAN.

No oath of office is required of the remaining officers.

FIRE WARDEN.

EDWARD PRESCOTT.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. SIDNEY MOULTON, *Sec'y and Sup't.*, Term expires March, 1889  
ARTHUR WRIGHT, . . . . . Term expires March, 1889  
ALVIN G. POLLY, . . . . . Term expires March, 1890  
WILLARD FLETCHER, . . . . . Term expires March, 1890  
JEREMIAH DESMOND, . . . . . Term expires March, 1891  
FREDERIC A. FISHER, *Chairman.* . . Term expires March, 1891

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

WILLIAM M. WHITNEY, FRANK C. DREW,  
CLARENCE R. P. DECATUR.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY.

MRS. JOHN W. ABBOT, WALTER J. SLEEPER,  
FREDERIC A. FISHER.

LIBRARIAN.

CARRIE E. READ.

JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

JOSEPH H. WILSON.

SUPERINTENDENT OF REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND KEEPER OF  
ALMSHOUSE.

HENRY D. PIERCE.



## BIRTHS,

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1888.*

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
May 22, '86.	Willie Piper.....	Wm. F. and Emma M. (Plummer).
May 19, '87.	Harold Wilbur Lyman.....	Wilbur S. and Mary E. (Chamberlin).
Jan. 7, '88..	Mary Ellen Cahill.....	John Holdsworth and Agnes Cahill.
Jan. 12.....	Luly Evlyn Barnard.....	Joel and Amanda (Gray).
Jan. 14.....	Charles Albert Taylor.....	John P. and Fanny (Tyler).
Jan. 17.....	Willie Courchaine.....	Omer and Josephine.
Jan. 30.....	Ellen Blanche Loftus.....	John and Ellen (Curran).
Feb. 13.....	John Wm. Stewart.....	James and Mary (McNaughton).
Feb. 19.....	Clarence Delette Wright.....	Hammett D. and Emma M. (Chandler).
Feb. 22.....	Martha Washington Symmes.....	Thomas E. and Nancy A. (Hale).
March 3.....	George Foster.....	Gilbert Alloe and Annie S. P. Foster.
March 24.....	Bertha Viola Blaisdell.....	Alvin J. and Elizabeth A. (Hutchins).
April 12.....	Marguerite Howe Banister.....	Frank W. and Margaret H. (Denton).
April 16.....	Eva Frances Pyne.....	James W. and Ella F.
April 16.....	William Henry Orange.....	Abram and Ruth (Bennett).
April 20.....	Elzie May Decatur.....	William H. and Susan (Donoghue).
April 20.....	Louis Couture.....	Charles and Emma (Parsons).
June 10.....	Viola Piper.....	Wm. F. and Emma M. (Plummer).
June 12.....	Fred Foster.....	Isaac and Mary (Suline).
June 21.....	Henry Ezra Wilson.....	Joseph H. and Carrie (Fletcher).
June 25.....	Emma Florence Shattuck.....	David H. and Ada F. (Stanley).
July 6.....	Gerry Thomas Decatur.....	Clarence R. P. and Addie (Roberts).
July 6.....	Florence George Suliivan.....	Jerry S. and Kate (Sweeney).
July 19.....	Lucinda Evelyn Prescott.....	Eben and Josephine (Webster).
July 22.....	Eva Mabel Marshall.....	John and Sarah J. (Sherwood).
July 29.....	Elizabeth Larkin.....	John and Mary A. (Gannon).
August 1.....	Robert Prescott.....	Noah and Frances (Tower).
August 8.....	John Sumner Greig.....	David L. and Clara A. (Jeffroy).
August 10.....	Jay Emory Whitney.....	Emory J. and Carrie M. (Hutchins).
August 19.....	John Hartford.....	George and Elizabeth (Morse).
August 24.....	Florence Lizzette Jeffroy.....	George and Addie L. (Gilson).
Sept. 12.....	Leonie Lulu Moran.....	David and Julia (Murphy).
Sept. 25.....	Inez George.....	Ransom N. and Ada (Shaw).
Oct. 1.....	— Miller.....	E. P. and Selma (Anderson).
Oct. 26.....	Charles Henry Keirstead.....	Sanford L. and Alice E. (Baker).
Nov. 10.....	Admon A. Allan.....	Frank A. and Severine (St. Louis).
Nov. 11.....	Walter Joseph Johnson.....	Andrew and Lydia (McOskie).
Nov. 14.....	Josie Augustine Spillane.....	Patrick and Kate A.
Nov. 27.....	Leon Kenworth Eaton.....	Herbert L. and Lottie J. (Johnson).
Nov. 29.....	Willie John Keenan.....	William and Ellen (McConnie).
Dec. 2.....	Patrick Frank Shugrue.....	Charles and Rosa (Rushworth).
Dec. 3.....	Myron Augustine Carlin.....	Augustine W. and Susan (Bell).
Dec. 20.....	Bertha Nora Petherick.....	William H. and Bertha.
Dec. 21.....	John Arthur Yapp.....	George and Sarah (Davis).
Dec. 27.....	Cora Mary Flagge.....	Elbert H. and Lucy M. (Warren).

One omitted.

Whole number recorded: Males, 26; females, 20; total, 46. Number born in 1888: Males, 24; females, 20; total, 44. Of native parentage, 20; foreign parentage, 16; mixed parentage, 8.

## MARRIAGES

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1888.*

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Feb. 13 ....	Joseph Wall.....	31	Westford .....	Lowell.
	Maria J. Agnew.....	20	"	Westford.
March 29..	A. Gardner Hill.....	32	Billerica.....	Billerica.
	Mary L. Heywood.....	27	Westford .....	Westford.
April 7....	John H. Sheehan.....	27	Littleton.....	Littleton.
	Annie M. Towle.....	21	Westford .....	Nashua, N. H.
April 25....	Stead Bowker.....	73	Lowell .....	England.
	Fidelia (Prescott) Clark.....	65	Groton .....	Groton.
May 10....	Richard Stancombe.....	22	Westford .....	England.
	Grace Medway.....	22	"	"
June 2....	Albert Simpson.....	25	"	"
	Maud Maria Smith.....	20	"	"
June 5....	Julian Abbot Kebler.....	29	Denver, Col.....	Cincinnati, O.
	Emma Southwick Abbot.....	24	Westford .....	Westford.
June 6....	Bernard Moran.....	31	Nashua, N. H. ....	Nashua, N. H.
	Mary O'Brien.....	31	Westford .....	Westford.
June 12....	Robert W. Polley.....	22	"	Chelmsford.
	Grace A. Putney.....	22	"	"
June 14....	Herbert Odelle.....	25	York Harbor, Me.	New Brunswick.
	Emma Hoyt.....	19	Westford .....	"
July 28....	Daniel Sullivan.....	33	"	Lowell.
	Mary Heelir.....	32	Lowell .....	Ireland.
July 30....	Michael McCarty.....	23	Westford .....	Amherst, N. H.
	Maggie Karnes .....	20	"	Bradford, Eng.
August 1..	George C. Hill.....	23	"	St. James, N. B.
	Jennie C. Dow.....	19	Lowell .....	Plattsfield, N. Y.
August 20..	John H. Horan .....	28	Westford .....	Westford.
	Margaret M. Dunn .....	27	"	Chelmsford.
Sept. 3....	James Henry O'Brien.....	33	"	Westford.
	Annie T. Dunn .....	30	"	Chelmsford.
Sept. 27....	Thomas C. Reed .....	63	"	Westford.
	Hannah (Wilkinson) Blaisdell	58	Woburn .....	Billerica.
Oct. 10....	Frank W. Worthen.....	32	Chelmsford.....	Lowell.
	Luanna W. Fletcher.....	22	Westford .....	Westford.
Oct. 15....	Irving R. Wolcott.....	29	Lowell .....	E. Charlestown, Vt.
	Annie M. Jolly .....	20	Westford .....	England.
Oct. 17....	Reuben E. Redding.....	27	"	Nova Scotia.
	Damie M. Carlin.....	19	"	Westford.
Oct. 17....	Frank P. Hawkes.....	21	"	"
	Lizzie P. Nutting.....	28	"	"
Oct. 20....	Frederick C. DeRoehn.....	21	"	Lake Village, N. H.
	Bertha J. Hoyt.....	20	"	New York, N. Y.
Nov. 7....	Frank E. Miller.....	22	"	Woodstock, N. B.
	Lillian B. Whitney.....	18	"	Nova Scotia.
Dec. 1....	John J. Quessy.....	23	"	Lowell.
	Effie B. Clement.....	20	Chelmsford.....	Chelmsford.
Dec. 18....	George Q. Gilson.....	22	Westford .....	Montville, Me.
	Alice Garrett.....	18	"	Westford.
Dec. 24....	Joseph Boovett.....	26	"	Bucks, Eng.
	Mary Ellen Berry.....	23	"	Montreal, Can.
Dec. 24....	Thomas E. Moore.....	24	"	Cashel, Eng.
	Charlotte Isabel Moore.....	17	"	New Brunswick.
				Littleton.

One omitted.

Number of marriages recorded.....	27	Between natives and foreigners.....	10
Number solemnized in Westford .....	15	Second marriage of groom.....	1
Westford grooms.....	18	Third marriage of groom.....	1
Westford brides.....	23	Second marriage of bride.....	2
Between natives.....	13	Solemnized by Westford clergymen....	13
Between foreigners.....	4		

## DEATHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1888.*

Date.	NAMES.	AGE.		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Jan. 18..	Nellie Levis—daughter of James and Mary .....	19	..	..
Jan. 23..	Margaret (Morris) Hagan—widow of Henry .....	90	..	..
Feb. 2..	Nathan S. Hamlin—son of Asia and Susan (Read).....	81	1	6
Feb. 25..	Charles R. D. Keyes—son of Joseph and Emma (Sargent)..	..	8	13
Feb. 26..	Cora Lord—daughter of Peter and Sophronie.....	4	5	23
Feb. 27..	Adam Taylor—son of Job.....	78	10	17
Mar. 3..	Mary Ann (Brintnall) Reed—wife of Thomas C. ....	71	2	18
Mar. 4..	Elvira (Bacon) Leighton—wife of Amos.....	66	2	..
Mar. 15..	Otis Keyes—son of Imla and Hannah (Fletcher).....	63	11	6
Mar. 18..	James Riney—son of Timothy D. and Johanna (Courtney)..	5	5	23
Mar. 29..	William Brown—son of Mary E. ....	..	3	15
Apr. 3..	Mary Ellen Cahill—daughter of Agnes.....	..	2	27
Apr. 15..	Jeremiah Sullivan—son of Timothy .....	70	..	..
Apr. 23..	Charles F. Price—died in Lowell.....	38	..	..
Apr. 28..	Jesse Hildreth—son of Jesse.....	81	..	..
Apr. 29..	Ellen C. (Thompson) Stevens—wife of Ephraim A. ....	46	3	6
Apr. 30..	Sophia M. (Keyes) Fletcher—wife of Charles L. ....	67	1	8
May 1..	Edward Symmes—son of Thomas and Rebecca (Carver)...	82	1	..
May 13..	James Otis Kidder—son of James and Lucy (Pushee).....	57	3	22
May 16..	Henry Keyes—son of Henry.....	79	3	19
May 19..	Arthur Almon Edwards—son of Wm. C. and Louisa (Lee)	..	..	..
June 2..	Sarah E. (Richardson) Spaulding—widow of Charles H....	59	6	25
June 4..	Harriet (Jewett) Prescott—widow of Samuel D .....	78	10	13
June 5..	John C. Murphy—son of Michael and Mary.....	30	..	..
June 22..	— Fletcher—son of Herbert E. and Carrie D. (Hill)....	..	..	..
June 30..	John Precious—son of William and Pamela.....	21	..	..
July 2..	Ann (Mort) Hindle—wife of Frank.....	42	11	30
July 6..	Caleb Symmes—son of William E. and Laura E. (Noyes) ..	..	..	..
Aug. 2..	Eunice (Whitney) Hutchins—widow of Eliakim.....	80	8	25
Aug. 14..	Emeralda Eugenie Fournier—dau. of Frank and Eugenie ..	8	3	23
Aug. 14..	Elisha Bunce—son of James and Elizabeth (Hager).....	86	6	10
Aug. 19..	Isaac S. Wright—son of Reuben, Jr., & Esther (Woodward)	55	7	13
Aug. 21..	Henry Ezra Wilson—son of Joseph H. & Carrie (Fletcher).	..	2	..
Aug. 31..	John Wm. Stewart—son of James and Mary (McNaughton).	..	6	18
Sept. 11..	Magdalene J. Carmichael—dau. of David & Jemima (Gray)	26	8	12
Sept. 15..	John B. Fletcher—son of Ezra and Hannah (Bateman)....	85	10	6
Oct. 2..	John Murphy—killed on railroad.....	70	..	..
Oct. 14..	Hannah Jane (Richardson) Spaulding—wife of Elbridge G.	65	4	8
Oct. 21..	Geo. F. Dupee—son of Geo. B. and Hannah M. (Hutchins) ..	38	4	4
Oct. 30..	— Franklin—son of James and Louisa (Constantino) ..	..	..	..
Nov. 2..	Anna T. Haley—daughter of John and Mary (Doyle).....	16	7	9
Nov. 15..	Henry Hamlin—son of Cyrus and D. Anne.....	35	11	3
Nov. 16..	Arthur F. Lane—son of Jeremiah and Adeline S. (Osgood).	25	6	20
Nov. 16..	Jay Emory Whitney—son of Emory J. and Carrie (Hutchins)	..	3	8
Nov. 17..	Dora A. (Whitney) Cummings—wife of George W. ....	28	10	13
Dec. 6..	Moses J. Fuller—died in Lunenburg.....	71	1	29
Dec. 14..	Catherine (Lund) Carlin—widow of Isaac.....	90	6	21
Dec. 14..	— Gould—dau. of Horace E. and Flora J. (Blodgett)....	..	..	..
Dec. 26..	Jesse S. Bean—son of Robinson and Joanna.....	52	6	..
Dec. 26..	Robert Wilson .....	89	2	..
Dec. 27..	Sarah Cummings—daughter of Wilson and Lucy (Cowardrey)	88	..	..

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded .....	31	20	51
Whole number of deaths in town.....	25	17	42
Residents of Westford .....	27	17	44
Non-residents brought to town for interment.....	4	3	7
Number of interments in town.....	20	14	34

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

No. of dogs licensed prior to date of last return, Nov. 30, 1888 :

220 males at \$2.00 .....	\$440 00
3 females at \$5.00 .....	15 00

Total .....	\$455 00
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Deduct Clerk's fees, 223 licenses at 20 cents each .....	44 60
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Balance paid into county treasury .....	\$410 40
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For which I hold the receipts of the County Treasurer.

Of the foregoing licenses 61 (males) were for the year ending April 30, 1888.

No. licensed since last return, November 30, 1888, 2 (males).  
Total No. licensed for the year ending April 30, 1889: Males, 161;  
females, 3; total, 164. No. returned by the Assessors: Males, 155;  
females, 3; total, 158.

OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED  
LICENSES SINCE LAST REPORT.

*The Licenses are for the Year Ending April 30, 1889,  
unless otherwise specified.*

Abbot, A. J. (1888-9)	Burke, D.	Colyer, J.
Abbot, J. W.	Butterfield, J. (1888-9)	Comey, W. S.
Allan, F.	Caldwell, O.	Craven, E.
Aloe, H.	Campbell, J.	Cummings, I. T.
Andrews, C.	Carkin, G. F.	Daly, H.
Balch, W. F.	Carkin, I. W.	Dane, H.
Bean, M. A.	Carkin, P. A.	Davis, A. S.
Berry, A. (1888)	Carmichael, J.	Day, G. T.
Bicknell, A.	Carrick, W.	Day, I. E.
Blaisdell, A. J.	Carver, W. R.	Decatur, C. R. P.
Blodgett, L. M. (Female)	Catchpole, H. E.	Decatur, C. W.
Boynton, H.	Chapman, A. B. (Female)	DeRoehn, E.
Buckminster, E. F. (1888-9)	Coburn, J.	Desmond, J. (1888)



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|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Dow, E. (1888-9)         | Ingalls, G. W.             | Sargent, A. C.       |
| Downs, M. F.             | Ireland, G. H. (1888)      | Sargent, F. G.       |
| Drew, F. C.              | Irish, G.                  | Searles, C. J.       |
| Dupee, G. F.             | Johnson, A.                | Sheahan, A.          |
| Edwards, W. C.           | Johnson, W. W.             | Sherman, D. W.       |
| Felch, J. K.             | Jolly, W. (1888-9)         | Shugrue, C. (1888-9) |
| Feeney, J.               | Kidder, C.                 | Smith, G. H.         |
| Fifield, G. H.           | Kirk, E. C.                | Spaulding, W. W.     |
| Fillebrown, H. F.        | Kirk, W. H.                | Spinner, J. (1888-9) |
| Flagg, E. H.             | Lee, F. A.                 | Stephan, R.          |
| Fletcher, B. M.          | Leighton, A. R.            | Stevens, E. A.       |
| Fletcher, E. E.          | Lewis, F. H.               | Sullivan, J.         |
| Fletcher, H. (3)         | Mann, E. L., Mrs. (Female) | Sweatt, F. A.        |
| Fletcher, H. A.          | Marshall, J. (1888-9)      | Sweetser, G. N.      |
| Fletcher, J. W. (1888-9) | Martin, F.                 | Sweetser, J. F.      |
| Floyd, S.                | McCarty, C. J.             | Taylor, J. P.        |
| Foster, I.               | McGlincha, J.              | Vose, W. M.          |
| Frederick, G. S.         | Meades, D. H.              | Wall, P.             |
| Gardner, R.              | Millis, G. F.              | Warren, F. A.        |
| George, R. N.            | Moore, E. A.               | Weaver, W.           |
| Gould, G. E.             | Moore, J. W.               | Westford, Town of    |
| Gould H. E.              | Morse, F. M.               | Whigham, W.          |
| Greig, D. L.             | Murphy, J. (1888-9)        | White, W.            |
| Griffin, C. M.           | Murray, A., Mrs.           | Whitney, J. (2)      |
| Grover, J. C. (1888)     | Nesmith, G. W.             | Whitney, N.          |
| Gurney, H. A.            | Nesmith, H. L.             | Whitney, W. M.       |
| Hall, J. H.              | Nutting, B. F.             | Willis, W. T.        |
| Hamlin, S. A. (1888)     | O'Brien, C.                | Wing, T.             |
| Hanley & Hamlin,         | O'Brien, J. H.             | Wilson, J.           |
| Hartford, G.             | O'Brien, J. M.             | Wilson, J. H.        |
| Hawkes, W. O.            | O'Brien, W.                | Woods, A.            |
| Healey, J.               | Palmer, B. (1888-9)        | Worcester, I. S.     |
| Healy, J. A.             | Perham, G. A.              | Wright & Bemis.      |
| Healy, J., Mrs.          | Polley, A. G.              | Wright, A. S.        |
| Heywood, A. W.           | Prescott, J. F.            | Wright, C. A.        |
| Hildreth, H. V.          | Putney, S. F.              | Wright, C. H. (1888) |
| Hill, G. W.              | Quinn, J.                  | Wright, E. (1888-9)  |
| Horan, J. H.             | Quinn, T. (1888-9)         | Wright, W. C.        |
| Horne, H. G.             | Read, J. H.                | Wright, W. M.        |
| Humiston, S. G.          | Records, J. F.             | Wyman, W. W.         |
| Hutchins, J.             | Reed, C. W.                | Yapp, G.             |
| Hutchins, M. F.          | Reed, E.                   | York, J. (1888)      |
| Hutchins, S. E.          | Reed, W. (2)               |                      |

Westford, Feb. 19, 1889.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*



## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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The Assessors of the Town of Westford submit the following report:

Value of buildings exclusive of land, May 1, 1888.....	\$489,315 00
land exclusive of buildings, May 1, 1888.....	374,401 00
personal estate, May 1, 1888.....	200,902 00
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	\$1,064,618 00

Amount raised for:

Town debts and charges.....	\$4,400 00	
Schools.....	4,800 00	
Roads and bridges.....	2,800 00	
Library.....	150 00	
State tax.....	1,372 50	
County tax.....	770 04	
Overlayings.....	172 90	
	<hr/>	\$14,465 44

Number of polls.....	525
dwelling houses.....	455
horses.....	330
cows.....	744
neat cattle other than cows.....	158
sheep.....	11
swine.....	78

Tax on one hundred dollars, \$1.26.

ASAPH B. CUTTER,  
ISAAC E. DAY,  
A. R. LEIGHTON,  
*Assessors of Westford.*

# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

WESTFORD, February 25, 1889.

*To the Selectmen of Westford:*

GENTLEMEN—I have examined the accounts of Nahum H. Wright, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

The receipts and payments made by him during the year are as follows:

## RECEIPTS.

To balance cash on hand February 27, 1888.....	\$10 32
Cash borrowed.....	5,000 00
From state corporation tax, 1887, balance.....	114 54
corporation tax, 1888.....	1,288 86
bank tax, 1887, balance.....	2 78
bank tax, 1888.....	743 53
soldiers' families, 1887.....	721 00
indigent soldiers, 1887.....	219 00
school fund, 1887-8.....	163 36
revenue school fund.....	223 12
armory rent, 1888.....	175 00
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1888.....	385 78
J. H. Wilson, janitor town house.....	83 00
A. Fisher, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
J. S. Moulton, books sold (and broken glass).....	10 70
I. E. Day, collector, 1886, in full.....	900 00
"    "    1887.....	380 72
"    "    1888, before Oct. 6.....	9,980 05
"    "    1888, before Dec. 6.....	1,273 84
"    "    1888, after Dec. 6.....	200 00
"    "    interest on taxes.....	26 00
S. M. Hutchins, apples at East Cemetery.....	2 00

\$21,905 60

## PAYMENTS.

By cash for notes and interest.....	\$5,096 42	
state tax, 1888.....	1,372 50	
county tax, 1888.....	770 04	
overseers of the poor.....	1,783 49	
on orders for incidental and other expenses.....	7,483 24	
on account of schools.....	3,380 70	
on hand .....	2,019 21	
	<hr/>	\$21,905 60

J. HENRY READ, *Auditor.*

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

### TOWN TREASURER.

Nahum H. Wright, salary as town treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1888.....	\$50 00	\$50 00
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### TOWN CLERK.

Gilman J. Wright, salary.....	\$12 00	
Going to Groton to count votes.....	2 50	
Copying for Town Report.....	2 00	
Telephone and express .....	2 30	
Postage and stationery.....	1 42	
Dog license blanks.....	50	
Dog posters.....	1 00	
Recording and making returns to Sec. of Commonwealth of 46 births.....	23 00	
Recording and making returns to Sec. of Commonwealth of 27 marriages.....	4 05	
Recording and making returns to Sec. of Commonwealth of 51 deaths.....	7 10	
		\$55 87

### SELECTMEN.

George T. Day, salary.....	\$5 00	
Making out monthly State aid book.....	6 00	
Making out 24 State aid returns, under Chaps. 252 and 301, Acts of 1879, Public Statutes.....	6 00	
Making out Town Report.....	6 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads.....	25 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	30 00	
Car fare while attending to town business,	8 00	
		\$86 00
A. P. Richardson, salary.....	\$5 00	
Perambulating town lines.....	2 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads.....	25 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	30 00	
		\$62 00

Isaac W. Carkin, salary.....	\$5 00	
Perambulating town lines.....	2 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads.....	20 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$47 00

## ASSESSORS.

A. B. Cutter, 20 days' time taking invoice and making taxes.....	\$50 00	
I. E. Day, 25½ days' time taking invoice, making taxes and copying.....	63 75	
A. R. Leighton, 15 days' time taking invoice and making taxes.....	37 50	
	<hr/>	\$151 25

## TAX COLLECTOR.

I. E. Day, collecting \$13,253.80, at 1 per cent.,	\$132 53	
Collecting poll taxes.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$137 53

## CONSTABLES.

I. E. Day, posting warrants for two town meetings.....	\$8 00	
Collecting dog tax.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$18 00

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Gilman J. Wright, attending seven meetings.	\$10 50	
Preparing and posting voting lists.....	7 00	
W. O. Hawks, attending six meetings.....	9 00	
F. L. Fletcher, attending seven meetings....	10 50	
Nelson L. Tuttle, attending seven meetings..	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$47 50

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. S. Moulton, Supt. fall term, 1887.....	\$50 00	
Supt. winter term, 1887-8.....	50 00	
Making school report.....	10 00	
Services as book and supply agent.....	8 00	
Making returns to State....	2 00	
Transporting books.....	1 00	
Supt. spring term, 1888.....	50 00	
Transporting books.....	1 00	
Supt. fall term, 1888.....	50 00	
Transporting books .....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$223 00



ORDERS DRAWN BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

April, by order.....	\$294 73	
April, by order.....	126 75	
April, by order.....	103 90	
May, by order.....	150 00	
June, by order....	184 29	
August, by order.....	88 35	
September, by order.....	255 30	
October, by order.....	132 25	
October, by order.....	119 32	
December, by order.....	123 21	
January, by order.....	128 14	
January, by order.....	77 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,783 49

EXPENSE OF THE TOWN LIBRARY, INCLUDING SER-  
VICES OF LIBRARIAN.

Paid Clara M. Wiley, for services as Librarian for Jan., Feb. and March, 1888.....	\$18 75	
Clara M. Wiley, for moving books, &c..	3 50	
Carrie E. Read, services as Librarian from April 1, 1888, to Feb. 1, 1889..	62 50	
Carrie E. Read, extra work.....	25	
Wright & Fletcher, for brushes, ink, &c.	1 65	
Directors in June.....	75 00	
Directors in October.....	75 00	
Directors in November—from money re- ceived from dog licenses.....	75 00	
Morning Mail office, printing list of books,	3 25	
	<hr/>	\$314 90

TOWN HOUSE.

EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING AND CARE OF SAME.

Paid J. H. Wilson, services as janitor for Feb- ruary and March, 1888.....	\$10 00	
J. H. Wilson, services as janitor from April 1, 1888, to February 1, 1889..	62 50	
J. H. Wilson, extra work on furnace....	1 00	
J. H. Wilson, for sawing 2 cords 6-feet wood .....	4 12	
A. R. Leighton, for 3 cords wood.....	15 62	
W. W. Johnson, for 15,320 lbs. coal, at \$6.20 per ton.....	47 49	
John M. Fletcher, for 15 gals. kerosene oil,	1 80	

*Amount carried forward* ..... \$142 53

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$142 53	
Paid John M. Fletcher, for soap, parafine, &c.	32	
Wright & Fletcher, for 140 gals. oil....	16 80	
Wright & Fletcher, for chimneys, burn- ers, wicks, &c.....	13 22	
Wright & Fletcher, for ammonia and chloride of lime.....	1 67	
Wright & Fletcher, parafine, brooms, &c.,	3 20	
George Drew, for repairs.....	7 17	
	<hr/>	\$184 91

## INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory, received from the State ....	\$175 00
Received for rent of building.....	83 00
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	\$258 00

## PRINTING.

Paid Morning Mail Office :		
Six hundred School Reports.....	\$32 40	
Six hundred Town Reports.....	76 20	
One thousand Yes and No license votes..	2 25	
State aid book.....	7 25	
Valuation books.....	11 25	
One thousand tax bills, 1887.....	3 00	
Billheads, etc.....	4 50	
Time books for roads, etc.....	6 00	
One thousand tax bills, 1888 .....	3 25	
Fifty county assessment blanks.....	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$148 35

## INSURANCE.

Paid Arthur Fenner, for reinsuring Graniteville school house for \$3,000 for 5 years..	\$67 50	
Arthur Fenner, for reinsuring town house for \$2,000 for 5 years.....	60 00	
Arthur Fenner, for reinsuring Lyon school house for \$1,000 for 5 years.....	22 50	
Geo. W. Coburn, for reinsuring Parker- ville school house for \$1,000 for 3 years, less dividend of \$10.....	10 00	
Geo. W. Coburn, for reinsuring library for \$1,000 for 3 years.....	20 00	
Traders and Mechanics Ins. Co., for rein- suring the almshouse for 5 years for \$2,425, less \$40.42 dividend.....	17 33	
Quincy Ins. Co., for reinsuring almshouse for 5 years for \$2,425, less \$34.65 dividend .....	23 10	
	<hr/>	\$220 43

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid A. P. Richardson, attending 47 funerals with hearse.....	\$94 00
A. J. Blaisdell, for gravel for Swamp road .....	5 00
Wm. M. Whitney, appraising property at Town Farm.....	2 00
J. F. Smith, M. D., for returning 18 births to town clerk, 1887-8, under Chap. 158, Statutes of 1883.....	4 50
C. M. Hardy, Pelham, N. H., for damage to horse and sleigh at time of snow blockade, March, 1888, on Makepeace road .....	12 00
G. T. Day, time and expense going to Pelham to settle Hardy claim.....	5 00
Benj. Palmer, building culvert at Graniteville .....	100 00
Marshall & Hamblett, for legal services..	100 00
C. E. Whidden, express and telephone charges for town report.....	1 90
C. E. Whidden, telegraph charges and conveyance of Cattle Commissioners,	4 71
Estate of J. O. Kidder, for labor.....	2 00
S. M. Hutchins, work at East Cemetery.	11 50
George Tyler, for two scraper plates....	12 00
Whitney & Tibbets, plank for bridge at Sargent's dam.....	23 05
Mrs. Arthur Murray, for gravel for highway at Graniteville ...	3 00
S. H. Nutting, work at North Cemetery.	5 00
Paul F. Litchfield, for one Holstein cow killed by order of Cattle Commissioners, and appraised at.....	75 00
Paul F. Litchfield, for going to Dunstable by order of Cattle Commissioners,	3 00
Paul F. Litchfield, expense of three appraisers, as per bill.....	6 00
(Four-fifths of the above expense for cow, &c., is to be refunded by the State.)	
Paid J. A. Healey, for damage to barge.....	2 50
Staples Brothers, cement pipe for culverts,	19 09
J. T. Colburn, work at West Cemetery..	6 50
Frank C. Hildreth, for 204 posts used on Swamproad, near Butterworth's, 1887,	30 60
Bradley V. Wright, use of land for target practice for cavalry.....	5 00

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*Amount carried forward* ..... \$533 35

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$533	35
Paid John M. Fletcher, bottle of mucilage....		65
John M. Fletcher, for stamps, envelopes, paper, &c., for town officers.....	11	39
George Drew, for removing seats from old Long-sought-for school house to old school house at Graniteville.....	1	75
Frank Calvert, repairing furnace, lock, &c.,	1	75
J. F. Smith, M. D., returning 21 births to town clerk, 1888, under Chap. 158, Statutes of 1883.....	5	25
Telegram and answer to State Aid Com- mission.....		60
Wright & Fletcher, sundries, as per bill..	4	55
Marshall & Crosby, for shelves.....	2	75
A. B. Chapman, by order of State Com- missioners, for killing and burying glandered horse, condemned by Cat- tle Commissioners.....	5	00
(Above bill is to be refunded by the State.)		
Paid John T. Butterworth, for 250 loads of gravel for repairs of Swamp road....	10	00
French & Puffer, for 5 dozen bowls for Town House.....	4	00
French & Puffer, for 2½ dozen mugs for Town House.....	2	00
Rice & Co., for gravel screen.....	8	00
Mrs. L. A. Chapman, for gravel bank, for use of town, as per agreement on file,	15	00
C. G. Sargent's Sons, work on scraper...		75
For blacksmith's work on scraper.....	3	50
Freight on plank.....		80
Express on scraper and plow castings....	1	40
Telegraph and telephone messages.....		60
C. E. Whidden, express charges, as per bill,	1	45
John M. Fletcher, postage, stationery, &c.	3	30
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		\$617 84

## REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND ARTICLES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

### CENTRE SCHOOL HOUSE—TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid John M. Fletcher, for crayons.....	80
John M. Fletcher, for brooms, basin, &c.	1 30
Geo. Drew, for hardware, mason work, &c.	15 54
A. B. Chapman, for paint stock, labor, &c.,	7 50
George Drew, for setting glass, &c.....	4 25
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	\$29 39

## STONY BROOK SCHOOL.

Paid John M. Fletcher, for crayons and ink..	\$1 10	
John M. Fletcher, for broom.....	30	
George Drew, for curtains, glass and labor.....	13 35	
T. Costello & Co., coal hod and grate....	2 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for broom and pail..	75	
Wright & Fletcher, for ink.....	30	
	<hr/>	\$18 30

## FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOL HOUSE—TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid C. W. Blood, for stove pipe, labor, etc..	\$7 10	
Repairs on clock.....	1 00	
George Drew, for boards, nails, labor, &c.,	2 50	
Eugene DeRohan, changing seats.....	5 25	
C. W. Blood, repairing stove.....	2 00	
Eugene N. Morrill, kalsomining school room.....	15 00	
Eugene N. Morrill, varnishing.....	5 00	
Wright & Bemis, pail and dipper.....	40	
Wright & Bemis, two rubber mats.....	3 50	
Wright & Bemis, one gallon liquid slate..	2 65	
Wright & Bemis, zinc and plaster paris..	1 16	
Wright & Bemis, screws and picture knobs.....	37	
Wright & Bemis, $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon raw oil.....	30	
	<hr/>	\$46 23

## NASHOBA SCHOOL.

Paid John M. Fletcher, for crayons.....	\$0 60	
George Drew, general repairs .....	10 02	
Wright & Fletcher, for broom and pail..	75	
	<hr/>	\$11 37

## PARKERVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid John M. Fletcher, for crayons.....	\$0 40	
John M. Fletcher, for pail.....	30	
George Drew, repairing blinds, fence, etc.,	6 43	
Wright & Fletcher, for broom.....	30	
	<hr/>	\$7 43

## MINOT'S CORNER SCHOOL.

Paid John M. Fletcher, for crayons and ink..	\$1 10	
George Drew, for curtains, glass, repairing fence, etc. ....	15 81	
	<hr/>	\$16 91



## NABNASSET SCHOOL.

Paid John M. Fletcher, for crayons.....	\$0 20	
John M. Fletcher, for brooms and pail...	1 16	
A. G. Polley, for grading .....	2 00	
George Drew, glass, repairs, etc.....	1 60	
	<hr/>	\$4 96

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR SCHOOL.

Paid John M. Fletcher, for crayons.....	\$0 60	
Wright & Fletcher, for pail and dipper..	50	
Wright & Bemis, for broom.....	35	
	<hr/>	\$1 45

## LYON SCHOOL.

Paid George Drew, for boards, labor, etc....	\$2 92	
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## GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE—FOUR SCHOOLS.

Paid C. W. Blood, repairs on furnace.....	\$0 40	
J. A. Healey, for labor.....	2 50	
W. C. Edwards, for repairs .....	3 43	
Wright & Bemis, for crayons.....	20	
Wright & Bemis, for brooms, etc.....	1 55	
Wright & Bemis, for pail, dipper, etc...	35	
Wright & Bemis, for screws, picture knobs, etc.....	1 02	
Wright & Bemis, for door mats.....	5 75	
Wright & Bemis, for thermometer and waste basket.....	1 10	
Wright & Bemis, for bell, keys, etc....	1 00	
Wright & Bemis, for ink and pencils....	2 15	
Wright & Bemis, for glass, oil and spirits,	1 03	
	<hr/>	\$20 48

EXPENSE OF FURNISHING FOURTH ROOM IN GRANITEVILLE  
SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid A. G. Whitcomb, for 18 No. 5 primary seats.....	\$36 00	
A. G. Whitcomb, for 12 No. 6 primary seats.....	22 80	
A. G. Whitcomb, for one table.....	6 00	
A. G. Whitcomb, for three chairs.....	2 75	
A. G. Whitcomb, for mat.....	1 00	
A. G. Whitcomb, for teacher's desk.....	17 00	
Sherman & Manning, for six window shades.....	10 50	
Freight on desk.....	1 48	
Eugene DeRohan, for labor fitting seats.	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$105 03

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Paid Boston School Supply Co., for books, maps, slates, crayons, etc.....	\$35 96	
E. E. Babb & Co., readers.....	12 69	
Prang Educational Co., for drawing blanks, etc.....	18 94	
Harrison Hume, for readers and arithme- tics.....	3 17	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, for books....	8 56	
Interstate Pub. Co., for readers.....	6 80	
King & Merrill, for ink.....	15 83	
Wm. Ware & Co., for books.....	8 98	
Lee & Shepard, for books.....	3 64	
Charles H. Whiting, for books.....	6 84	
Carrol W. Clarke, for report cards.....	1 80	
Express on books.....	9 35	
Willard Small, Worcester's Dictionaries..	19 60	
Thompson, Brown & Co., for books.....	1 31	
E. L. Kellogg & Co., for books.....	2 50	
D. C. Heath & Co., for books.....	2 25	
A. C. Stockin, for books.....	36 60	
A. M. Edwards & Co., for charts.....	13 50	
F. M. Ambrose, for readers.....	12 34	
Harper Brothers, readers and grammars.	8 73	
Cowperthwaite & Co., for books.....	17 28	
George S. Perry, for paper, pencils and pens.....	15 22	
Ginn & Co., for books.....	1 17	
	<hr/>	\$263 06

## STATE AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

*As Authorized by Chapter 252, Acts of 1879.*

Paid January.....	\$46 00	
February.....	48 00	
March.....	48 00	
April.....	42 00	
May.....	48 00	
June.....	42 00	
July.....	42 00	
August.....	42 00	
September.....	42 00	
October.....	42 00	
November.....	42 00	
December.....	42 00	
	<hr/>	\$526 00

## STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES.

*As Authorized by Chapter 301, Acts of 1879.*

Paid January .....	\$59 50	
February .....	59 50	
March.....	59 50	
April .....	59 50	
May .....	59 50	
June .....	59 50	
July .....	59 50	
August .....	59 50	
September .....	59 50	
October .....	59 50	
November .....	59 50	
December ...	59 50	
	<hr/>	\$714 00

## REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,800 for the repairs of roads and bridges. The sum of \$1,659.35 has been paid to H. D. Pierce, master of the town farm, for work of self, men and horses. There has been paid all others for work \$1,573.95.

Paid Gilmer Stone.....	\$1 50
• A. W. Carkin, work on Beaver Brook bridge in April.....	45
Julian Wilkerson, in April.....	21 75
Charles Crabb, in April .....	16 50
Thomas Moore, in April and May .....	38 25
Charles Crabb, in May.....	34 14
Julian Wilkerson, in May.....	34 88
Aleck Sherwood, in June.....	34 50
Charles Crabb, in June.....	36 00
Thomas Moore, in June .....	34 12
Julian Wilkerson, in June.....	36 00
Aleck Sherwood, in July and August....	55 87
Charles Crabb, in July.....	10 62
Thomas Moore, in July .....	15 13
Julian Wilkerson, in July.....	15 62
Charles Crabb, in August.....	38 25
Thomas Moore, in August.....	38 50
Julian Wilkerson, in August....	39 00

<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<hr/>	\$501 08
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<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$501 08	
Charles Crabb, in September.....	10 50	
Thomas Moore, in September.....	22 50	
Julian Wilkerson, in Sept. and Oct.....	34 87	
Thomas Moore, in Oct. and Nov.....	50 54	
W. C. Mears, repairs on Acton road.....	1 00	
I. W. Carkin.....	4 50	
W. W. Johnson.....	1 00	
William Reed, man and horses.....	2 75	
Daniel Casey.....	6 00	
Gilbert Alloe.....	15 00	
David Alloe.....	3 00	
M. A. Clough, for gravel.....	2 70	
E. Grant.....	4 50	
Dualin, exploding caps, etc.....	4 80	
A. W. Carkin.....	3 00	
John P. Felch, cutting brush.....	9 00	
C. E. Whidden, closing Cummings road twice, putting up lanterns and work on road.....	1 75	
H. D. Pierce, men and horses.....	1,315 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,993 99

Having had much trouble with high water in the Spring at Beaver Brook bridge, so-called, and having received a petition from the Town of Littleton requesting this town to raise the bridge, the Selectmen have caused it to be relaid, raising it three feet. It was found necessary to put on several new covering stones, as some of them were broken. The archways were found to be filled with a mass of willow roots, which were removed in a thorough manner. The expense has been as follows :

Paid Hammett D. Wright, for stone.....	\$81 68	
George Yapp, for labor.....	27 00	
H. D. Pierce, men and horses.....	196 00	
	<hr/>	\$304 68

At the annual meeting, held March, 1888, the town accepted the report of the Selectmen upon the petition of Benj. Palmer and others, laying out a highway from a

point near the Stony Brook depot in Graniteville to the tenement house of Benj. Palmer on Snake Meadow Hill. The road has been built at the following expense:

Paid H. D. Pierce, men and teams.....	\$182 25	
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#### BREAKING ROADS.

Paid J. H. Wilson.....	\$1 13
C. R. P. Decatur.....	6 30
G. A. Perham.....	6 75
George P. Wright.....	1 20
John O'Brien, men and horses.....	22 95
P. G. McElligott.....	9 75
Clarence Riley.....	2 55
John O'Brien and men.....	10 65
T. C. Reed.....	75
F. W. Bannister.....	7 35
S. L. Taylor.....	5 40
C. W. Decatur.....	3 45
Andrew Shehan.....	1 20
Herbert H. Mills.....	90
Charles Shehan.....	2 25
John H. Horan.....	3 75
James H. O'Brien.....	6 15
M. F. Downs, men and horses, 1887-8...	60 90
H. Chamberlin.....	75
W. S. Fifield.....	2 25
John Wilson and horses.....	10 00
Hiram Dane.....	7 07
W. H. Decatur.....	4 05
George N. Sweetser.....	2 40
Isaac W. Carlin, men and horses.....	31 45
E. Gould.....	14 58
Angus McDonald, men and horses.....	14 15
Myron J. Woods.....	3 75
Wm. T. Willis.....	1 35
Harry Blodgett.....	8 55
A. P. Richardson.....	7 05
G. T. Day, work of men.....	8 69
G. T. Day.....	9 00
Wm. M. Vose.....	10 35
Benj. M. Fletcher.....	2 59
Merrick Reed.....	1 80
Thomas Russell.....	4 00
J. C. Page, Makepeace road.....	4 00

<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<hr/> \$301 21
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<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$301 21
Paid Dennis Burke.....	7 27
John H. Whitney.....	6 30
S. Floyd.....	1 50
George H. Whitney.....	5 10
John C. Dempsey.....	1 20
Ellery Clarke.....	60
F. H. Lewis, men and horses.....	36 50
A. B. Chapman.....	9 30
E. E. Wright.....	3 30
Julian Whitney.....	1 88
William L. Butterworth.....	90
C. M. Griffin.....	7 40
Charles F. Shugrue, 1887-8, men and horses.....	44 77
Alvin J. Blaisdell.....	13 05
F. Seifer.....	2 40
E. E. Fletcher, men and horses.....	22 58
Stephen E. Hutchins, men and horses...	20 78
J. Desmond, men and horses.....	19 80
Jerry Sullivan, 2d.....	1 80
C. H. Bicknell.....	2 10
Angus McDonald, breaking and repairing,	17 75
C. E. Walker.....	1 50
G. S. Frederick.....	3 07
George H. Hartford.....	8 95
W. W. Johnson, men and horses.....	17 35
Julian Hildreth.....	3 00
James Hildreth.....	9 60
H. O. Keyes.....	1 20
Edmund Dow.....	4 50
John W. Day.....	4 50
S. L. Taylor.....	1 80
John P. Felch.....	4 05
George E. Gould, men and horses.....	10 51
Wm. C. Edwards.....	7 00
S. M. Hutchins.....	3 45
W. C. Spelter.....	5 25
Estate of Otis Keyes.....	1 22
W. H. Brown.....	4 94
E. A. Stevens.....	7 50
J. A. Healey, men and horses.....	29 70
A. S. Davis.....	75
John Wayne.....	4 95
— Wigham.....	1 50
C. E. Whidden.....	1 75
H. D. Pierce, men and horses.....	86 85

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 \$752 38

## TAXES ORDERED AS ERRORS.

1885. Christina Hurry.....	\$0 82
Mrs. Parker Fletcher.....	16
1886. Edward Carkin.....	2 00
Alexander Courtney.....	2 00
Alvin G. Hutchins.....	3 29
C. L. Reynolds.....	2 00
James Woods.....	2 00
Error in tax book.....	11 04
1887. Ralph Bridgeford.....	2 00
James Clarke.....	2 00
Frank Griffin.....	2 00
Howard Sweetser.....	2 00
Charles H. Worcester.....	2 00
1888. Otis Kidder.....	9 32

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 \$42 63

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Mrs. Clara Hurd.....	\$3 84
1884. H. P. Ruggles.....	3 73
Cornelius O'Brien, Jr.....	2 00
1885. Fred Bennett.....	2 00
William Haley.....	2 55
John C. Murphy.....	2 00
John Norrie.....	2 33
J. D. Wilkerson.....	1 64
Joseph Wall.....	2 00
1886. Mark Boynton.....	2 00
Thomas Brown.....	2 00
Abram Brown.....	2 00
Daniel Casey.....	2 00
J. F. Callahan.....	2 00
C. F. Coburn.....	2 65
George F. Dailey.....	2 00
Edmund Dow.....	3 48
J. M. Dow.....	2 00
Moses B. Ford.....	2 77
Samuel Fournier.....	2 00
Arthur Hughes.....	2 00
Judson Iby.....	2 00
W. F. Lyman.....	3 48
William Marshall.....	2 00
John D. McLeod.....	4 07
Patrick McCormick.....	2 00
John Parker.....	2 00
R. L. Plaisted.....	2 71
Thomas Rickords.....	2 00
Michael Riley.....	2 00
W. W. Stiles.....	2 00
Amos Turner.....	2 00

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 \$75 25

# SUMMARY.

	1888.	1887.	1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	1878.
Town Officers.....	\$452 12	\$421 16	\$473 21	\$718 80	\$408 27	\$435 67	\$380 67	\$439 47	\$463 81	\$380 16	\$345 32
Tax Collector and Constables.	155 53	141 88	165 98	161 50	194 87	136 15	147 80	143 39	178 40	141 55	147 98
School Committee.....	223 00	122 50	171 75	167 85	211 50	112 50	172 50	166 33	168 25	164 75	170 00
Town Library.....	314 90	347 63	380 30	360 69	380 97	414 68	377 11	536 38	319 20	340 05	299 49
Town House.....	184 91	195 29	174 13	194 83	169 09	165 33	196 73	175 84	183 45	171 12	166 47
Printing.....	148 35	124 20	215 35	140 75	129 15	138 47	153 97	142 95	126 90	119 75	110 68
Insurance.....	220 43		305 00	285 00	30 00	97 75		183 00	216 75		118 50
School Houses.....	264 47	331 91	148 79	416 10	271 46	112 64	65 92	190 55	170 96	164 91	118 35
Incidental Expenses.....	617 84	445 68	619 08	519 62	591 08	774 84	493 46	508 27	500 42	460 07	870 71
State Aid.....	714 00	444 00	612 00	590 00	455 70	393 00	338 00	363 00	427 50	360 00	533 50
State Aid to Indigent Soldiers,	526 00	721 00	509 00	534 00	461 00	467 00	514 00	387 40	449 00	229 70	374 40
Roads and Bridges.....	2,480 92	2,459 59	2,537 12	2,217 47	1,654 84	1,934 77	1,477 41	1,552 07	1,504 19	1,454 98	1,871 81
Breaking Roads.....	752 38	113 62		44 68	196 36	11 92	620 86	420 63	70 86	239 22	140 26
Overseers of Poor.....	1,783 49	1,576 72	1,994 50	2,185 24	1,954 40	2,058 68	2,029 76	2,147 94	1,680 66	1,913 32	1,561 39
Abatement of Taxes.....	75 25	72 68	75 54	90 54	90 56	140 00	10 21	266 54	231 86	216 45	151 45
Errors in Taxes.....	42 63	65 30	96 35	6 59	174 17						
School Books, etc.....	263 06	300 79	476 69	687 96	76 08						
No.8 School House, etc.....				1,631 11	94 70						
Registration Board.....	47 50	49 00	35 50	33 00							
Guide Board.....		12 00	67 50	50 00							
State Aid Expenses.....											
	\$9,266 78	\$7,945 15	\$9,114 74	\$11,035 73	\$13,863 09	\$8,427 16	\$8,319 56				

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*

## STONE FUND.

HELD IN TRUST BY THE SELECTMEN, FOR TOWN LIBRARY.

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This fund consists of one share of the Lowell Manufacturing Company, and two shares of the Shoe and Leather National Bank of Boston, and in savings bank \$19.35.

The income from the Lowell Manufacturing Co. to January, 1889, has been.....	\$10 00
The income from Shoe and Leather Bank has been.....	10 00

Whole income from Stone Fund to January, 1889,      \$20 00

The small income from the Lowell Manufacturing Company is due to the company having reduced the dividend one-half in June, from that of last year, and passing the dividend in December.

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## FLETCHER FUND.

This fund remains in the savings bank. The interest on this fund is \$40.92.

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*Selectmen of Westford.*

# Report of Overseers of the Poor.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending February 9, 1889:

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING FARMING TOOLS, BY APPRAISAL BY THE COMMITTEE.

February 9, 1889.....	\$3,689 86
February 11, 1888.....	3,344 32
Gain on personal property.....	\$345 54

## RECEIPTS.

*Income from the Farm, as by H. D. Pierce's books.*

Received for work on roads.....	\$1,669 35
milk .....	628 08
two cows.....	70 45
walnut wood.....	26 00
cranberries.....	43 20
calves.....	25 00
stone.....	12 50
beef.....	27 47
pickles.....	2 20
cabbage plants.....	2 08
rheubarb .....	14
eggs .....	5 54
potatoes.....	6 80
peas .....	9 80
beets.....	1 85
tomatoes.....	1 82
cider.....	22 45
onions.....	10 73
cabbage .....	1 50
turnips.....	9 05
carrots.....	1 25
squashes.....	1 00
apples.....	8 10
hide and tallow.....	3 00
pork.....	6 51
sundries.....	14 06
indigent soldiers.....	288 00
wood furnished outside poor.....	12 00
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	\$2,909 93



## PAYMENTS.

Paid for grain.....	\$794 11
one horse.....	150 00
sleigh.....	12 00
wagon.....	40 00
milk route.....	77 25
Thomas Carney.....	4 00
mowing machine shoe.....	2 25
barbed wire.....	5 05
milk trough.....	15 00
repairing harnesses.....	33 40
blacksmith work.....	76 34
wheelwright work.....	17 40
repairing boots.....	89
crockery.....	1 35
groceries.....	554 89
cheese.....	4 75
tea and coffee.....	9 00
express.....	1 00
dualin.....	1 00
soap.....	9 50
butter.....	27 20
labor.....	1,052 90
crackers.....	38 65
meat.....	160 50
fish.....	1 70
sharpening drills.....	75
coal.....	15 38
cutting wood.....	16 12
butchering.....	1 25
stove lining.....	1 50
making cider.....	3 06
filing saws.....	80
milk books.....	1 00
window shades.....	4 00
hardware.....	11 62
H. D. Pierce, one year's salary.....	550 00
chairs.....	6 00
repairing wagon axle.....	3 75
set of harnesses.....	19 75
dog license.....	2 00
wall paper.....	6 24
seeds.....	63
sowing onion seed.....	1 00
shears.....	75
repairing clocks.....	2 50
stationery.....	75

*Amount carried forward* ..... \$3,738 98

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$3,738 98
Paid for medicine.....	3 30
phosphate.....	16 70
clothing.....	1 50
two cows.....	55 00
shovels, etc.....	5 15
John P. Greene.....	10 00
hay.....	43 50
mending tin ware.....	57
plow point.....	83
use of horse.....	1 00
repairing corn cutter.....	50
pigs.....	17 00
newspaper.....	2 00
clothing for Frank Goss.....	4 75
repairing pumps.....	11 25
cutting ensilage corn.....	27 50
pasturing cows.....	5 00
use of ensilage cutter.....	1 00
spoons.....	1 50
bedding.....	7 00
step ladder.....	1 00
barrels.....	3 20
funnel.....	65
brooms.....	50
links for elevator chain.....	1 00
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	\$3,960 38

Deduct income from the farm.....	\$2,909 93
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands.....	176 43
Gain on personal property.....	345 54
Expense of keeping 530 tramps.....	132 50
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	3,564 40

Leaves the cost of supporting the poor inside almshouse.. \$395 98

#### COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. Harrington's family.....	\$26 50
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. Knox's family.....	15 00
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Mary E. Brown.....	3 00
for goods furnished Jane A. L. Patch.....	17 50
hospital bills for A. H. Woodward, R. Keyes, G. O. Wright, J. W. Raymond.....	473 93

<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	<hr/> \$535 93
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<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$535 93
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on W. H. Piper's family.....	4 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Dennis Wainright.....	5 50
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on J. Raymond.....	7 50
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on M. E. Brown's child.....	1 50
for W. H. Piper's family.....	4 00
City of Boston, for Michael Harty.....	1 00
for Margaret Casey.....	11 91
for Mrs. Knox.....	12 05
for printing.....	1 65
for goods furnished J. Wilkerson.....	10 42
for goods furnished Mrs. J. Davie.....	52 00
for goods furnished S. L. Prescott.....	104 00
J. F. Smith, M.D., med. attend'ce on Thos. Raymond,	16 50
J. F. Smith, M.D., medical attendance on Frank Goss,	2 75
Town of Lunenburg, aid furnished Moses K. Fuller,	44 50
Town of Harvard, for aid furnished Lizzie Cowdry.	41 50
for Nellie Flynn.....	9 00
for digging grave for M. E. Brown's child.....	1 50
Edwin Gould, for expense in taking G. O. Wright to almshouse.....	1 00
Edwin Gould, for services as Overseer of the Poor..	10 00
W. F. Balch, for services as Overseer of the Poor..	10 00
for stationery and postage.....	2 00
E. Prescott, for time and expense in looking up the settlement of Catherine Callahan.....	15 50
E. Prescott, looking up the settlement of W. H. Piper,	2 50
E. Prescott, expense in seeing about Lizzie Cowdry,	2 50
E. Prescott, for expense in seeing about Mrs. Larkin and J. Kesey.....	4 50
E. Prescott, for making reports to State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity.....	5 00
E. Prescott, for making out report to the Town....	5 00
E. Prescott, for services as Overseer of the Poor...	10 00
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	\$935 21
Received from the City of Boston on account of M. E. and Annie Brown.....	\$24 50
Received from State Treasurer on account of the State poor.....	35 55
Due from the Town of Acton on account of W. H. Piper.....	8 00
Due from the City of Lowell on account of Thomas Raymond.....	16 50
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	\$84 55
Expenses of the poor outside of the almshouse.....	<hr/>
	\$850 66

## STATEMENT.

Cash in Overseers' hands at last settlement.....	\$71 79
in hands of Master of Almshouse at last settlement,	255 27
drawn from the Town Treasurer.....	1,783 49
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	\$2,110 55

Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands.....	\$176 43
Cash in Overseers' hands.....	3 76
Due from Town of Acton on account of W. H. Piper.....	8 00
Due from City of Lowell on account of Thom- as Raymond.....	16 50
Gain on personal property.....	345 54
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	\$550 23

Cost of supporting the poor exclusive of interest on farm, \$1,560 32

Number receiving two meals and lodging.....	530
Number supported in the almshouse.....	6
Average number.....	$4\frac{4}{5}\frac{3}{2}$
Number receiving assistance outside of almshouse,	30

EDWARD PRESCOTT,  
EDWIN GOULD,  
WAYLAND F. BALCH,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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WESTFORD, MASS., Feb. 23, 1889.

GENTLEMEN—I have examined the books of the Overseers of the Poor, including the accounts kept by the Master of the Almshouse, for the year ending February 11, 1889, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouchèd.

Respectfully yours,

NAHUM H. WRIGHT, *Auditor.*

TO MESSRS. GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*



# Appraisal of Personal Property

AT THE ALMSHOUSE IN WESTFORD, MASS., FEB. 9, 1889.

6 horses.....	\$1,200 00	1 drag rake.....	\$0 50
11 cows.....	418 00	1 stone drag.....	2 00
1 bull.....	35 00	1 barrel cement.....	1 75
2 calves.....	8 00	3 plows.....	10 00
9 harnesses.....	135 00	2 cultivators.....	8 00
5 halters.....	4 00	1 corn planter.....	10 00
Curry combs and brushes,	1 00	6 rakes.....	60
1 wolf robe.....	5 00	6 chains.....	4 00
6 blankets.....	12 00	6 iron bars.....	4 00
4 feed bags.....	1 25	5 garden hoes.....	1 25
8 feed boxes.....	1 80	2 picks.....	1 50
11 tons English hay.....	220 00	Stone tools.....	8 00
4 tons meadow hay.....	32 00	13 shovels.....	5 00
25 tons ensilage.....	125 00	7 iron rakes.....	2 00
200 pounds gluten meal...	2 53	6 scythes and snaths.....	3 50
½ bag middlings.....	66	2 potato diggers.....	80
3 bags meal.....	3 00	3 hoes.....	50
2 bags cracked corn.....	2 00	4 manure forks.....	3 00
4 bushels oats.....	1 74	2 grindstones.....	3 75
1 set of measures.....	40	1 lot shingles.....	1 00
2 flails.....	50	1 mowing machine.....	30 00
5 hay forks.....	1 75	Lot pop corn.....	5 00
8 meal bags.....	2 00	Sacks.....	50
4 boxes blacking.....	1 20	Corn sheller.....	2 00
2 horse muzzles.....	1 50	8 bushels rye.....	4 80
Wrenches and hammer...	2 00	1 fanning mill.....	4 00
1 ensilage cutter.....	50 00	Ladders.....	7 00
1 express wagon.....	30 00	Lot fresh meat.....	2 50
1 milk wagon.....	40 00	1 tub.....	25
1 sleigh.....	15 00	1 apple picker.....	25
1 whip.....	50	Corn cutter.....	50
1 horse cover.....	1 00	Corn.....	1 50
Rope and pulleys.....	1 00	12 bushel baskets.....	5 00
1 feed cutter.....	1 00	Nails.....	60
1 hay knife.....	1 00	Trowel.....	50
Water trough.....	15 00	Neck yokes and eveners..	16 00
Bells.....	1 50	Ditching knife.....	1 00
2 two-horse sleds.....	60 00	Old iron.....	2 00
1 one-horse sled.....	10 00	20 flour barrels.....	4 00
1 pung.....	10 00	15 fowls.....	11 25
4 carts.....	100 00	3 shoats.....	35 00
1 hay wagon.....	30 00	Lumber.....	10 00
1 farm wagon.....	15 00	27 cords wood.....	115 00
1 stone wagon.....	25 00	1 range.....	30 00
1 wheelbarrow.....	2 00	3 stoves.....	15 00
1 horse rake.....	15 00	10 beds, bedding, etc.....	250 00
1 roller.....	6 00	6 tables.....	3 00

1 extension table.....	\$8 00	Padlock and chain.....	\$0 75
5 chests and drawers .....	4 00	3 lanterns.....	2 25
3 light stands.....	75	2 clothes baskets.....	75
1 chamber set.....	10 00	3 clothes lines.....	1 00
1 cabinet chair.....	1 00	1 clothes dryer.....	1 00
18 chairs.....	8 00	2 wash boilers.....	1 00
1 bed pan.....	75	1 washing machine.....	1 50
3 rocking chairs.....	1 50	4 wash tubs.....	2 00
2 sieves.....	75	Lot of fruit jars.....	1 50
Oil cloth carpet.....	2 00	Set of wood bowls.....	1 00
Window and door screens,	10 00	2 cranberry rakes.....	2 25
1 sofa.....	3 00	1 churn.....	1 50
6 looking glasses.....	2 00	Cheese press.....	1 00
Shovel and tongs.....	1 00	Branding iron.....	1 50
Cradle.....	1 00	2 apple parers.....	1 75
1 caster.....	50	2 chests.....	1 00
Cow bell.....	50	2 saw horses.....	50
Dinner bell.....	50	1 strainer.....	1 00
1 steelyard.....	1 75	1 meat cutter.....	2 50
2 porcelain kettles.....	1 50	Clothes wringer.....	2 50
1 copper kettle.....	1 75	1 meat chest.....	1 50
1 brass kettle.....	1 00	2 axes.....	2 00
2 chopping knives and tray	1 25	Carpenters' tools.....	12 00
5 earth pots.....	1 50	3 wood saws.....	2 00
Stone ware.....	2 00	29 pounds sausage meat..	3 50
2 dozen Mason cans.....	2 25	Axle grease.....	90
3 brooms.....	75	60 pounds lard.....	7 20
1 barn broom.....	30	20 tubs.....	1 00
2 mops.....	50	1 step ladder.....	1 00
1 white-wash brush.....	1 50	Crackers.....	75
Knives, forks and spoons,	4 50	20 pounds dried apples....	1 00
Crockery.....	12 50	8 bars soap.....	50
Slop pail.....	30	Oil.....	30
Tin ware.....	26 00	1 clock.....	1 00
10 dozen candles.....	2 50	300 pounds pork.....	36 00
1½ barrels flour.....	8 00	8 Hams.....	19 20
Spices and box.....	1 25	116 pounds corned beef...	5 80
2 pounds tea.....	1 00	1 barrel pickles.....	8 00
½ pound coffee.....	12	6 pounds butter.....	1 50
1 pound soda.....	6	Apples.....	5 00
28 pounds G sugar.....	2 15	50 bushels potatoes.....	35 00
15 pounds C sugar.....	1 05	Beets and turnips.....	4 40
1 pound raisins.....	10	25 barrels cider.....	56 25
7 candle sticks.....	75	25 empty barrels.....	12 50
Candle moulds.....	1 50	½ barrel soap.....	2 00
4 water pails.....	80	7 jars piccalilli.....	2 00
Glass ware.....	3 75	31 jars preserves.....	9 30
7 lamps.....	2 50	2 bushels onions.....	1 50
7 flat irons.....	1 75	1 ton coal.....	6 00
Table linen and towels...	5 00		
Injection pipe.....	1 50		

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 \$3,689 86

WILLIAM M. WHITNEY,

F. C. DREW,

I. W. CARKIN,

*Appraisers of Property.*

# LIBRARY REPORT.

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The Directors of the Public Library respectfully submit their thirty-fourth annual report for the year ending March 5th, 1889:

Number of books purchased.....	219
Public Documents received from the State.....	14
Public Documents received from the United States.....	20
Other books presented .....	4
Whole number added during the year.....	257
Whole number books in the Library.....	5,935
Number of books discarded.....	11
Number of books purchased to replace worn out copies.....	24
Number of issues of books.....	7,922

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance from last year .....	\$3 26
Town appropriation .....	150 00
Income from the Library Fund.....	60 92
Dog tax appropriated .....	75 00
Error in account of preceding year.....	1 08
Gift from Mr. Thomas H. Elliott.....	5 00
Fines .....	9 55

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\$304 81

### EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	\$279 68
Binding books.....	14 75
Express and postage.....	2 40
Librarian's supplies.....	5 58
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	\$302 41
Balance unexpended.....	2 40

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\$304 81

An effort is being made to obtain for the Library a full set of the published Town and School Committee Reports of Westford, to be bound in volumes of convenient size, and retained in the Library Room for the use and information of the present and each succeeding generation of both the curious and the practical minded good people of our ancient borough. The value of such a collection will necessarily increase with time and the difficulty of obtaining a full set of these reports. It is proposed to have the two series kept complete by the addition of all subsequent numbers as they are issued.

In this connection we would acknowledge the receipt of donations from Mrs. Leonard Luce and Messrs. George T. Day, Alvan Fisher, John M. Fletcher, William E. Frost, Sherman L. Prescott, Thomas E. Symmes, and Nahum H. Wright.

To complete the sets to date there are needed the Town Reports of 1840, '42, 43, '47, '48 and '50; and the School Committee Reports of 1854-5, '55-6, '57-8, '60-1, '65-6, '66-7, '67-8, '68-9, '72-3 and '80-1. The contribution to the Library of the missing numbers is earnestly recommended; and to this end it is respectfully suggested to each householder that the family archives be searched, and the desired documents found and presented forthwith.

It is now nearly nine years since the issue of the last complete catalogue of the Westford Public Library. Since then something more than two thousand volumes have been added. These are catalogued in an imperfect way by titles under their respective classes, but not by



authors, in eight successive annual supplements. In the present state of affairs it is necessary to consult *nine* lists to discover what books there are in any one class. It is also desirable to re-arrange some of the books, so that all the works of any one author in each class may be brought together on the Library shelves. This is not now the case in every instance, owing to the intervals at which the various works were added to the Library and their numbers assigned. The desired changes would require a corresponding change in the numbering of the books, which of course cannot be done until a new catalogue is issued. The edition of the catalogue is exhausted, there being only one unused copy in the possession of the Librarian. The supply of some of the earlier supplements is also exhausted. For these reasons, among others, we would respectfully recommend that a new catalogue be issued during the coming Library year, and that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

In accordance with the provisions of the statutes relative to public libraries, passed by the Legislature of 1887-8, the Directors of the Library will hereafter be a continuous body, the term of office being extended to three years, and only one third of the members retiring annually. One of the advantage of this change, will be the facility with which any plan for the management or improvement of the Library can be carried into effect from year to year.

We would gratefully acknowledge the gifts of two volumes of the Unitarian Review, from the Unitarian



Society, one volume from Mr. Frank Calvert, one volume from Rev. E. B. Maglathlin, a set of the "Symmes" Almanacks, from Mr. Thomas E. Symmes, a pamphlet from Col. John B. Clarke, of Manchester, N. H., and five dollars from Mr. Thomas H. Elliott, of Lowell, for the purchase of books.

We respectfully recommend that the usual sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for the Library for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted.

ELIZABETH S. ABBOT,

FREDERIC A. FISHER,

WALTER J. SLEEPER,

*Directors of Public Library.*

# LIST OF BOOKS

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## LIST OF JURORS, 1889.

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The following names will be reported at the annual March Meeting, to be placed in the Jury Box, subject to revision by the town:

CHARLES L. FLETCHER,  
HAMMET D. WRIGHT,  
DANIEL ATWOOD,  
HENRY CHAMBERLIN,  
CHARLES E. WHIDDEN,  
HORACE E. GOULD,  
GEORGE W. BUSSEY,  
FRANK C. DREW,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,  
NAPOLEON B. BLOOD,  
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,  
ALFRED WOODBURY,  
ELBERT E. FLAGG,

NOAH PRESCOTT,  
OSCAR SPAULDING,  
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,  
FRANK L. FLETCHER,  
HUGH DAILEY,  
EDWARD PRESCOTT,  
JOHN H. HORAN,  
HENRY S. BEMIS,  
CHARLES HAMLIN,  
ISAAC E. DAY,  
ALVIN FISHER,  
AMOS LEIGHTON.

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,

*Selectmen of Westford.*

Westford, Mass., March 4, 1889.

# Warrant for Town Meeting, March 18, 1889.

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To Isaac E. Day, one of the Constables of the Town of  
Westford, in said County,* GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the eighteenth day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at 9 o'clock, A. M., (the polls will be opened at 9 o'clock, A. M. and closed at one o'clock, P. M.,) to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2d. To hear the Report of Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 3d. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Auditor appointed to audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer, or act in relation to the same.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the Report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the Report of the Directors of the Town Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, Town Treasurer, two School Committee for three years, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, three Appraisers of Property at the Town Farm, three Trustees of the Town Library—one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, an Auditor, all on one ballot.

- 9th. To see if the Town will vote to license the sale of ardent spirits, or act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To raise money to defray Town debts and charges, and direct how the same shall be paid into the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To raise money for Reading and Writing Schools.
- 12th. To choose a Collector of Taxes.
- 13th. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.
- 14th. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.
- 15th. To raise money to repair roads and bridges, and direct by whom, and in what manner the same shall be expended.
- 16th. To choose all other Town officers, necessary to be chosen, by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.
- 17th. To hear Report of the Selectmen, in regard to petition of F. G. Sargent and others for the laying out of a public way in Graniteville, and act in relation to the same.
- 18th. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to ascertain the cost of a Stone Crusher, and expense of working the same—to report at a future meeting, or act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Sarah Cummings road, so called, or act in relation to the same.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

*Given under our hands and seals this fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.*

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,

*Selectmen of Westford.*

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# Officers of the Town of Westford, 1889.

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## TOWN CLERK.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT.

## SELECTMEN.

GEORGE T. DAY,                      ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN.

## ASSESSORS.

ASAPH B. CUTTER,                      ISAAC E. DAY,  
FRANK C. DREW.

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

EDWARD PRESCOTT,                      EDWIN GOULD,  
WAYLAND F. BALCH.

## TOWN TREASURER.

NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ISAAC E. DAY.

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

TRUE A. BEAN.

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

NELSON L. TUTTLE, . . . Term expires May 1, 1890.  
WESLEY O. HAWKES, . . . Term expires May 1, 1891.  
FRANK L. FLETCHER, *Chairman* . Term expires May 1, 1892.

The Town Clerk is a member *ex-officio*, and Clerk of the Board.

## ELECTION INSPECTORS.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,                      W. H. H. BURBECK.

DEPUTY ELECTION INSPECTORS.

ALBERT R. CHOATE,

JOHN M. FLETCHER.

AUDITOR.

J. HENRY READ.

STREET COMMISSIONER.

EDWARD PRESCOTT.

The foregoing Officers have all been sworn. Of the following only those marked by a star have been sworn:

FENCE VIEWERS.

\*WILLIAM KITTREDGE,

\*ALVIN G. POLLEY,

ALMON S. VOSE.

CONSTABLES.

\*ISAAC E. DAY,

\*CHARLES M. GRIFFIN,

\*RANSOME N. GEORGE,

WILBERT E. PARSONS,

ALEC FISHER,

\*PATRICK WALL.

Mr. Day has given bonds.

FIELD DRIVERS.

WARREN GOULD,

WILLIAM WILLIS,

JOSEPH WALL,

DANIEL CASEY,

WALTER W. WYMAN,

WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,

GEORGE LELAND,

A. F. CAMERON,

WILLIAM E. SYMMES,

WILLIAM M. VOSE,

SIDNEY B. WRIGHT,

JOHN H. HORAN,

ALFRED WOODBURY.

WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, ETC.

\*J. M. FLETCHER,

S. A. HAMLIN,

S. H. FLETCHER,

JACOB SMITH,

ARTHUR WRIGHT,

G. W. HEYWOOD,

A. J. ABBOT,

W. C. EDWARDS,

W. W. JOHNSON,

J. W. DAY,

N. H. WRIGHT,

\*C. E. WHIDDEN,

J. A. HEALY,

A. F. CAMERON,

E. A. HAMLIN,

\*W. E. PARSONS.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES.  
WILBERT E. PARSONS.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER, ETC.

C. L. FLETCHER,	CYRUS HAMLIN,
*GILMER STONE,	W. W. JOHNSON,
JACOB SMITH,	A. S. REED,
*T. E. SYMMES,	W. C. EDWARDS,
C. E. WHIDDEN,	J. A. HEALY,
G. A. PERHAM,	*F. H. LEWIS,
THOMAS DREW,	*W. W. WYMAN,
*G. H. PRESCOTT,	*W. E. PARSONS,
E. A. HAMLIN,	W. M. VOSE.

No oath of office is required of the remaining officers.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ALVIN G. POLLEY, . . . . .	Term expires March, 1890.
WILLARD FLETCHER, . . . . .	Term expires March, 1890.
JEREMIAH DESMOND, . . . . .	Term expires March, 1891.
FREDERIC A. FISHER, <i>Chairman</i> ,	Term expires March, 1891.
ALBERT R. CHOATE, . . . . .	Term expires March, 1892.
J. SIDNEY MOULTON, <i>Sec. &amp; Sup.</i>	Term expires March, 1892.

TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY.

ALFRED WOODS, . . . . .	Term expires March, 1890.
E. B. MAGLATHLIN, . . . . .	Term expires March, 1891.
CATHERINE S. HAMLIN, . . . . .	Term expires March, 1892.

Mr. Maglathlin resigned and John M. Fletcher was chosen to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

LIBRARIAN.

CARRIE E. READ.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

FRANK C. DREW,	WILLIAM M. WHITNEY,
C. R. P. DECATUR.	.

JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

JOSEPH H. WILSON.

SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

H. B. RUITER.



## BIRTHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1889.*

Date.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
May 4, '89.	Atwood, Grace.....	D. Elliot and Lizzie A. (Davidson).
Sept. 29....	Boovett, Amy.....	Joseph E. and Mary E. (Berry).
April 28....	Brown, Hattie Lee.....	Ephraim Reed and Mary E. Brown.
May 17....	Burnett, Albert Edward.....	Gilbert Quinn and Laura Burnett.
May 30....	Coburn, Charles Peter.....	John F. and Mary (Bennett).
Jan. 2....	Crabb, Samuel Hoyt.....	Charles and Melinda (Hoyt).
June 13..	Drew, Ann Beatrice.....	Frank C. and Jennie B. (Greig).
June 2....	Fletcher, Gladys Josephine.....	J. Willard and Miletta L. (Wilder.)
July 21....	Flynn, John Leo.....	John and Ellen (Digan).
Nov. 1....	Foster, Benjamin.....	Isaac and Mary (Swine).
Feb. 11....	Gower, George Edwin.....	William and Mary J. (Jones).
May 5....	Hodgman, Evelina Frances.....	Fred'ek L. and Mary E. (Butterworth).
Sept. 8....	Horan, Mary Catherine.....	John H. and Margaret M. (Dunn).
May 10....	Hughes, Clara Eva.....	Thomas and Olive L. (Provost).
March 31..	Ingalls, Arthur Elton.....	George W. and Maria L. (Spaulding).
May 29, '80	Ingalls, Harry Melvin.....	George W. and Maria L. (Spaulding).
Nov. 6, '89	Johnson, Frank Clifford.....	Wallace W. and Annie (Matthews).
Nov. 18....	Keefe, Stephen William.....	Michael W. and Annie (Precious).
Oct. 15....	Kittredge, Elizabeth Amanda.....	William L. and Addie M. (Fisher).
Feb. 16....	Lambert, Lucy Tolles.....	George A. and Alice M. (Keyes.)
Jan. 16....	Leland, Edward Frank.....	George A. and Mary (Griffin).
Jan. 23....	McClenna, Inez Mabelle.....	Alvin and Lillian (Spaulding).
Oct. 28....	Miller, Gustave Albert.....	A. P. and Selma (Anderson).
Sept. 25....	Miller, Mabel Blanche.....	Frank E. and Lillian B. (Whitney).
Aug. 22....	Mooney, Walter Henry.....	Patrick and Mary J. (McGlincha.)
July 25....	Moran, Harriet Bridget.....	Bernard and Mary T. (O'Brien).
July 7....	Moss, Mary Elizabeth.....	Arthur E. and Elizabeth (Loynes).
Oct. 2....	O'Brien, Mary Elizabeth.....	John and Margaret (Tammahill).
May 7....	Polley, Winifred Lucia.....	Robert W. and Grace A. (Putney).
Jan. 31....	Quessy, Hilda Bell.....	John J. and Effie B. (Clement).
April 20....	Smith Louisa Helen.....	J. Frederick and Mary L. (Tower).
May 27....	Stancombe, Lilla May.....	Richard and Grace (Medway)
May 11....	Stewart, Emily Ann.....	Cornelius and Harriet E. (Hoyt).
Aug. 16....	Symmes, Martha Eliza.....	William E. and Laura E. (Noyes).
May 7....	Taylor, James Edgar.....	John P. and Fanny (Tyler).
July 20....	Whipple, Susan Flagg.....	Edward B. and Helen E. (Young).
April 21....	Whitney, Hamilton Edson.....	Julian and Sarah (Gray).
June 26....	Wing, Blanche Gracie.....	Thomas and Sarah Jane (Keyser).
Jan. 26....	Woods, Jessie Margaret.....	Myron J. and Mary J. (Mills).
April 8....	Wright, Walter.....	Frank C. and Mary A. (Decatur).

One omitted.

Whole number recorded, 41; number born in 1889, males 15, females 25, total 40; of native parentage, 19; of foreign parentage, 12; of mixed parentage, 9.

# MARRIAGES

*Recorded by the Town Clerk, of Westford, A. D. 1889.*

Date.	NAMES.	Age.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTH-PLACE.
Dec. 8....	Aiken, Samuel A.....	24	Westford.....	Canada.
	McKeon, Alice A.....	19	".....	Foxfield, Ire.
Sept. 11....	Austin, George A.....	20	".....	Franklin, Vt.
	Nutting, Addie.....	19	".....	Groton.
Dec. 25....	Bridgeford, Joseph H.....	21	".....	Derbyshire, Eng.
	Caldwell, Ethel A.....	16	".....	Lowell.
Jan. 23....	Cameron, Alexander Flint.....	25	".....	Westford.
	Garity, Esther Genevieve.....	23	Lowell.....	Williamsburg, Ont.
March 25....	Carpenter, Eugene Freeman.....	20	Gardner.....	Rowe.
	Hamlin, Gertrude Rebecca F.....	18	Westford.....	Westford.
Jan. 1.....	Carr, Michael.....	42	Lowell.....	Tyrone, Ire.
	O'Brien, Bridget.....	40	Westford.....	Connecticut.
April 13...	Carrick, Thomas.....	27	".....	England.
	Cockroft, Sarah Ann.....	30	".....	England.
Sept. 24....	Caunter, John H.....	25	".....	England.
	Odell, Amine.....	20	".....	New Brunswick.
Jan. 16....	Clowry, Hardon Seamon.....	25	".....	Nova Scotia.
	Crabb, Sarah Margaret.....	20	".....	New Brunswick.
May 29....	Coburn, John F.....	33	".....	Westford.
	Bennett, Mary.....	21	".....	England.
April 4....	Day, Quincy Warren.....	21	".....	Westford.
	Sharp, Ada Annetta.....	24	".....	New Brunswick.
April 11....	Foster, John.....	23	".....	England.
	Kirk, Margaret Ann.....	21	".....	England.
Aug. 21....	Fraser, James E.....	30	Groton.....	Nova Scotia.
	Decater, Nancy A.....	22	Westford.....	Westford.
Dec. 12....	Galbraith, James.....	35	Canada.....	Canada.
	Arthur, Maggie S.....	20	Westford.....	Canada.
Mar. 31....	Hackett, James.....	26	Groton.....	Groton.
	Moore, Sarah Christina.....	22	Westford.....	New Brunswick.
Nov. 25....	Hunter, William Robinson.....	23	".....	Scotland.
	Staples, Christina Stacy.....	19	Lowell.....	Minnesota.
Jan. 12....	Jackson, James H.....	24	Westford.....	Nova Scotia.
	Clement, Helena.....	22	".....	Maine.
Dec. 24....	Jarman, George.....	34	Worcester.....	England.
	Lloyd, Sophia.....	27	Westford.....	England.
May 21....	Keefe, Michael W.....	32	".....	Ireland.
	Precious, Annie.....	21	".....	England.
Sept. 22....	Martin, John.....	24	Littleton.....	Westport, N. Y.
	Keyser, Josephine A.....	28	Westford.....	Groton.
Aug. 20....	McDougall, Alexander.....	28	".....	Scotland.
	Hosmer, Hosmer Hattie.....	19	".....	Lowell.
March 3....	Quinn, John William.....	22	".....	England.
	McGarry, Mary Tracy.....	22	".....	England.
April 22....	Rose, Frank A.....	26	Cambridge.....	Belmont.
	Splaine, Margaret L.....	23	Westford.....	Westford.
March 6....	Spaulding, John Frederick.....	23	".....	Westford.
	McNaughton, Jennie B.....	21	".....	Scotland.
Oct. 30....	Stephens, Joseph P.....	39	Worcester.....	Jamaica.
	Varisto, Anna E.....	32	Westford.....	Cambridge.
Sept. 10....	Wing, Charles Howard.....	24	Lowell.....	Stetson, Me.
	Bennett, Ella.....	22	Westford.....	Lowell.

Number of marriages recorded.....	26	Between foreigners.....	10
Number solemnized in Westford.....	12	Between natives and foreigners.....	12
Westford grooms.....	16	Second marriage of groom.....	4
Westford brides.....	24	Solemnized by Westford clergymen....	9
Between natives.....	5		

## DEATHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1889.*

Date.	NAMES.	AGE.		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Dec. 15..	Blodgett, Mary—resident of Groton.....	77	9	..
Sept. 23..	Boyden, Miranda K. (Hall)—wife of Wallace.....	58	..	..
Mar. 11..	Carver, John E.—resident of Boston.....	46	9	..
Dec. 11..	Clark Annie A.—resident of Shirley.....	24	9	24
Jan. 6..	Crabb, Samuel Hoyt—(son of Charles and Susan M.).....	..	..	4
May 2..	Cummings, Artemas W.—son of Timothy & Eliz'th (Whitm'n)	73	5	5
Jan. 17..	Dillon, James—son of Thomas and Agnes (Dignum).....	70	..	..
May 26..	Edwards, Carl Franklin—son of F. and Annie C. (Hoyt).....	..	..	..
Aug. 8..	Edwards, Moses—son of William and Sarah (Green).....	69	10	13
Feb. 16..	Feeney, Jeanette (Carmichael)—wife of John.....	29	4	27
Apr. 30..	Fletcher, Helen (Tower)—wife of Francis L.....	44	9	..
May 5..	Foster, Nancy C. (White)—Widow of John N.....	77	8	..
Apr. 29..	Gower, Mary Jane (Jones)—wife of William.....	28	5	11
Apr. 8..	Hamlin, Cyrus—son of Asia and Susan (Read).....	74	0	14
June 18..	Herrick, Eliza Jane—dau. Henry and Elizabeth (Prescott)	72	9	2
Nov. 11..	Hildreth, Amos—son of Levi and Rebecca (Hildreth).....	82	8	10
Jan. 19..	Hutchins, Lois (Dadmum)—widow of John.....	84	9	11
Aug. 4..	Irish Ella Jane (Bemis)—wife of George F.....	35	0	3
Dec. 13..	Kaufman, Werner—resident of Boston.....	69	6	8
June 11..	Litchfield, Rebecca (Simonds)—wid. of Roland.....	84	0	11
Jan. 27..	McClenna, Wm. H.—son of Alvin A. & Lillian P. (Spauld'g)	11	11	24
Jan. 11..	Merriam, Sarah—resident of Boston.....	93	4	12
Feb. 14..	Moran, Leonie Lulu—dau. of David and Julia (Murphy)....	..	5	2
Sept. 5..	Nesmith, Charles C.—resident of Lowell.....	36	..	..
Oct. 28..	Newell, Mary (Richardson)—resident of Boston.....	90	4	26
Nov. 16..	O'Brien, Cornelius—son of Cornelius and Harriet (Donovan)	28	10	15
May 19..	Palmer, Benj. F.—son of Joshua and Hannah (Buckman) ..	73	..	20
Jan. 22..	Reed, Merrick—son of Roswell and Sybel (Gilson).....	67	1	22
May 8..	Sherburne, Betsey (Spaulding)—wid. of Thomas J.....	79	4	8
Mar. 18..	Thacher, Lucy M. (Bancroft) resident of Harvard.....	90	2	..
Nov. 7..	Trull, John Davis—son of Levi and Nancy (Peacock).....	50	4	18
Mar. 28..	Trull, Levi—son of Levi and Anna.....	84	8	6
July 14..	Unknown man—found drowned.....	60	..	..
Feb. 10..	Wheeler, Donnatello R.—resident of Westborough.....	5	8	5
Mar. 17..	Wiley, Mary Ella—dau. of Samuel and Maria (Hamblin)....	27	11	25
Aug. 29..	Wright, Frank W.—resident of Boston.....	22	4	..
Nov. 11..	Wright, Harriet A. (Reed)—wife of Joseph E.....	64	8	13
Nov. 29..	Wright, Walter—son of Frank C. and M. Aurilla (Decatur)	..	7	21

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded.....	20	18	38
Whole number of deaths in town.....	16	13	29
Residents of Westford.....	14	13	27
Non-residents brought to town for interment.....	3	5	8
Number of interments in town.....	13	13	26

## TOWN CLERK'S RERORT ON DOGS.

No. of dogs licensed prior to date of last return; Nov. 29, 1889:

159 males at \$2.00 .....	\$318 00
2 females at \$5.00 .....	10 00

Total .....	\$328 00
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Deduct Clerk's fees, 161 licenses at 20 cents each .....	32 20
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Balance paid into county treasury .....	\$295 80
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For which I hold the receipts of the County Treasurer.

Of the foregoing licenses 9 (males) were for the year ending April 30, 1889.

No. licensed since last return, November 29, 1889, 12 (males).

Total No. licensed for the year ending April 30, 1890: Males, 162; Females, 2; total, 164. No. returned by Assessors: Males, 160; Females, 2; total, 162.

## OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES SINCE LAST REPORT.

*The Licenses are for the Year Ending April 30, 1890,  
unless otherwise specified.*

Abbot, A. J.	Carmichael, D. (1889-'90.)	Day, Geo. T.
Abbot, J. W.	Carmichael, J.	Day, I. E.
Aloe, Henry	Carnock, Geo.	Decatur, C. R. P.
Andrews, Chas.	Carrick, Wm.	Decatur, J. H.
Balch, W. F.	Carver, Wm. R.	DeRoehn, Eugene
Bannister, C. H.	Casey, Daniel	Desmond, J. (1889)
Bean, Mary A.	Catchpole, H. E.	Dow, C. F. (Female)
Blaisdell, A. J.	Clement, Peter	Drew, Frank C.
Blodgett, A. T. (1889)	Coburn, John	Dunn, Thomas
Blodgett, J. W.	Collier, Mary	Dupee, Annie E.
Blodgett, L. W.	Comey, Wm. S. (2)	Feeney, John
Blood, N. B.	Craven, E.	Felch, J. K.
Buckminster, E. F.	Daley, Hugh	Fillebrown, H. F.
Burke, Dennis	Dane, Hiram	Flagg, E. H.
Carkin, Geo. F.	Davis, A. S. (2)	Fletcher, B. M.
Carkin, I. W.	Davis, Wm.	Fletcher, E. E.

Fletcher, H. N. (3)	Leighton, Amos	Reed, Wm. (2)
Fletcher, J. W.	Lewis, F. H.	Sargent, A. C.
Floyd, Samuel	Luddington, Geo.	Sargent, F. G.
Forbush, Frank	Mann, E. L., Mrs. (Female)	Searles, C. J.
Foster, Isaac	Mannahan, J. (1889)	Sheehan, A.
Gardner, Robert	Marshall, J.	Spinner, J.
George, R. N.	Martin, Fred	Splaine, P.
Gould, Geo. E.	Martin, John	Stephan, R.
Gould, Horace E.	McCarty, C. J.	Stevens, E. A.
Griffin, C. M.	McGlincha, James	Stiles, F. O.
Gurney, H. A.	McGlincha, John	Sullivan, J.
Hall, J. H.	Moore, E. A.	Sullivan, Mary
Hamlin, S. A. (2)	Moore, J. W.	Sweatt, Fred A.
Harrington, H.	Moore, Thos.	Sweetser, G. N.
Hartford, Geo.	Morse, F. M.	Sweetser, J. F.
Hawkes, W. O.	Moss, A. E.	Taylor, J. P.
Healy, James, Mrs.	Moss, J. W.	Voran, Octave
Healy, John	Mountain, Geo.	Vose, Wm. M.
Healy, John A.	Murphy, Henry	Wall, Christina
Heywood, A. W.	Nesmith, G. W.	Ward, Daniel
Hildreth, H. V.	Nesmith, G. W., Mrs.	Weaver, Wm.
Horan, John H.	Nutting, B. Frank	Whigham, Wm.
Horne, H. G.	Nutting, Willie	White, Wm.
Humiston, S. G.	O'Brien, J. H.	Whitney, J. H.
Hutchins, John	O'Brien, J. M.	Whitney, Julian (2)
Hutchins, M. F.	O'Brien, Wm. (3)	Whitney, Wm. M.
Hutchins, S. E.	Orange, Abram	Willis, Wm. T.
Ingalls, G. W.	Perham, G. A.	Wilson, J. H.
Ireland, G. H. (1889-'90)	Polley, A. G.	Wilson, John
Irish, George	Polley, R. W.	Wing, Thos.
Johnson, A.	Prescott, J. F.	Worcester, I. S.
Johnson, W. W.	Provost, Fred	Wright, A. S.
Keenan, Wm. (1889)	Putney, S. F.	Wright, C. A.
King, Jesse	Quinn, John	Wright, Erastus
Larkin, John (1889)	Raymond, J.	Wright, W. C.
Larkin, John (1890) (2)	Records, J. F.	Wright, W. M.
Lee, Frank A.	Reed, C. W.	Wyman, W. W.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, Town Clerk.

WESTFORD, Feb. 17, 1890.



# ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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The Assessors of town of Westford submit the following report :

Value of buildings exclusive of land, May 1, 1889.....	\$490,689 00
Value of land exclusive of buildings, May 1, 1889.....	371,401 00
Personal estate, May 1, 1889.....	209,660 00
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	\$1,071,750 00

Amount raised for :

Town debts and charges.....	\$4,400 00
Schools.....	4,800 00
Roads and bridges.....	2,800 00
Town library.....	150 00
Town library catalogue.....	150 00
State tax.....	1,160 00
County tax.....	899 30
Overlayings .....	273 45
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	\$14,632 75

Number of polls.....	528
houses .....	455
horses .....	371
cows .....	705
neat cattle other than cows.....	226
sheep .....	13
swine .....	118

Tax on one hundred dollars, \$1.26.

Gain on personal property, \$8,758.

ASAPH B. CUTTER,  
ISAAC E. DAY,  
FRANK C. DREW,

*Assessors of Westford.*

# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

WESTFORD, February 24, 1890.

*To the Selectmen of Westford :*

GENTLEMEN — I have examined the accounts of Nahum H. Wright, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

The receipts and payments made by him during the year are as follows :

## RECEIPTS.

To balance cash on hand, February 25, 1889.....	\$2,019 21
To cash borrowed.....	4,000 00
From state corporation tax, 1888, balance.....	12 14
state corporation tax, 1889.....	1,990 30
bank tax, 1889.....	728 98
soldiers' families, 1888.....	714 00
indigent soldiers, 1888.....	263 00
school fund, 1888-9.....	165 37
armory rent, 1889.....	175 00
county treasurer, dog tax.....	281 01
J. H. Wilson, janitor Town House.....	100 00
A. Fisher, auctioneer license.....	2 00
J. S. Moulton, books sold and broken glass.....	10 10
I. E. Day, collector, 1887, in full.....	1,507 42
"        "        1888.....	747 54
"        "        1889, before October 6.....	10,582 86
"        "        "        "        December 6.....	755 27
state treasurer, for cattle killed.....	71 20
library committee, unexpended balance.....	2 40
dividends on library fund.....	39 00
William Jolly, license.....	2 00
M. A. H. Evans, rent of Keyes pond, 1888.....	1 00
"        "        "        "        1889.....	20 00
Carrie E. Read, library books sold.....	11 95

\$24,201 75

## PAYMENTS.

By cash for notes and interest .....	\$4,071 17
state tax, 1889 .....	1,160 00
county tax, 1889 .....	899 30
overseers of the poor .....	2,300 50
orders for incidental expenses .....	7,097 66
on account of schools, 1888, balance .....	1,521 83
“ “ “ “ 1889 .....	4,840 71
on account of library .....	327 15
on hand .....	1,983 43
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	\$24,201 75

J. HENRY READ, *Auditor.*

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

### TOWN TREASURER.

Nahum H. Wright, salary as town treasurer for the year ending March 1st, 1889.....	\$50 00	
Nahum H. Wright, time and expense making four trips to Lowell insuring town prop- erty.....	6 00	
		\$56 00

### TOWN CLERK.

Gilman J. Wright, salary.....	\$12 00	
Going to Boston about returns.....	3 00	
Going to Groton to meeting of Town Clerks.....	2 50	
Copying for Town Report.....	2 00	
Express.....	2 60	
Stationery, etc.....	1 53	
Dog license blanks.....	1 00	
Tally sheets.....	1 00	
One key.....	15	
Recording and making returns to Sec. of the Commonwealth of 41 births....	20 50	
Recording and making returns to Sec. of the Commonwealth of 26 marriages..	3 90	
Recording and making returns to Sec. of the Commonwealth of 38 deaths....	5 80	
		55 98

### SELECTMEN.

G. T. Day, salary.....	5 00	
Making out monthly state aid book.....	6 00	
Making out 24 State aid returns under Chapts. 279 and 301, Acts of 1889..	6 00	
Making out Town Report.....	6 00	
Time spent on account of roads.....	5 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	35 00	
Car fare while attending to town business,	10 00	
		73 00
A. P. Richardson, salary.....	5 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	30 00	
		35 00
I. W. Carkin, salary.....	5 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	15 00	
		20 00

## ASSESSORS.

I. E. Day, 27½ days' time taking invoice and making taxes.....	\$68 75	
A. B. Cutter, 26 days' time taking invoice and making taxes.....	65 00	
A. B. Cutter, 3 days' time copying lists for registrars in 1888.....	7 50	
Frank C. Drew, 23 days' time taking invoice and making taxes.....	57 50	
	<hr/>	\$198 75

## TAX COLLECTOR.

I. E. Day, collecting \$14,692.61 at 1 per cent.	\$146 92	
Collecting poll taxes.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	151 92

## CONSTABLES.

I. E. Day, posting warrants for three town meetings .....	\$12 00	
Collecting dog tax.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	22 00

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

F. L. Fletcher, attending nine meetings.....	\$18 00	
Gilman J. Wright, attending nine meetings..	18 00	
Clerk of board.....	7 00	
W. O. Hawks, attending nine meetings in 1889 and one in 1888.....	20 00	
Nelson L. Tuttle, attending nine meetings....	18 00	
	<hr/>	81 00

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. S. Moulton, Supt. winter term, 1888-'89...	\$50 00	
Supt. spring term, 1889.....	50 00	
Supt. fall term, 1889.....	50 00	
Making school report.....	10 00	
Services as book and supply agent.....	8 00	
Making returns to the state.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	170 00

ORDERS DRAWN BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1890.

April, by order.....	\$564 23	
July, by order.....	428 95	
October, by order.....	341 47	
November, by order.....	125 68	
December, by order.....	488 70	
February, by order.....	351 47	
	<hr/>	\$2,300 50



## EXPENSE OF THE TOWN LIBRARY, INCLUDING SERVICES OF LIBRARIAN.

Paid Carrie E. Read, services as librarian from February 1, 1889, to February 1, 1890.....	\$75 00	
Extra.....	4 00	
W. H. Spalding, 4 shades and fixtures...	6 34	
Rice & Co., window screens, door and labor.....	12 60	
Express on window shades.....	35	
Door knob, etc.....	60	
Morning Mail Co., printing list of books,	5 25	
Wright & Fletcher, for paper, etc.....	7 86	
For one Rochester lamp.....	4 50	
Morning Mail Co., printing 84 library cards.....	2 75	
	<hr/>	\$119 25

## EXPENSE OF NEW CATALOGUE FOR LIBRARY.

Paid Carrie E. Read, for 273 hours' labor preparing catalogue for printer.....	\$54 60	
Rev. A. Woods, preparing catalogue for printer.....	52 30	
Morning Mail Co., printing 500 copies of Catalogue.....	198 92	
Binding in cloth 50 copies of catalogue..	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$320 82

## TOWN HOUSE.

## EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING AND CARE OF SAME.

Paid J. H. Wilson, services as janitor from February 1, 1889, to February 1, 1890,	\$75 00	
For sawing 3 cords wood.....	4 50	
George E. Gould, for one cord wood....	5 25	
S. B. Wright, for nine feet wood.....	5 90	
C. W. Widden, for 9130 lbs. broken coal, at \$6.60 per ton.....	30 12	
One barrel stove coal.....	1 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for 141 gallons kerosene oil.....	16 92	
Chimneys, burners, wicks, etc.....	11 63	
Soap, brooms, etc.....	4 31	
George Drew, for 15 panes glass.....	2 64	
Lock, knobs, putty, etc.....	90	
Labor.....	11 25	
	<hr/>	\$169 42

## INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory, received from the State.....	\$175 00
Received for rent of building.....	100 00
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	\$275 00

## PRINTING.

Paid to Morning Mail Co :		
Six hundred School Reports.....	\$24 95	
Six hundred Town Reports.....	70 60	
One hundred check lists.....	11 50	
Six order books.....	6 15	
One thousand tax bills, 1889.....	4 25	
One hundred notices to voters.....	1 75	
One thousand note sheets, printed head- ing, for town officers.....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$121 70

## INSURANCE.

Paid Arthur Fenner, reinsuring Nashoba school house for \$1000 for 5 years..	\$22 50	
Reinsuring town house for \$2,500 for 5 years.....	75 00	
Reinsuring town house for \$2,500 for 3 years, less dividend.....	27 00	
Insuring town library for 5 years for \$1,500.....	45 00	
Reinsuring Nabnasset school house for \$1,200 for 5 years.....	27 00	
Reinsuring Centre school house for \$2,500 for 5 years.....	56 25	
George W. Coburn & Son, reinsuring Minot's Corner school house for \$1,200 for 5 years, less dividend....	12 00	
Traders & Mechanics Ins. Co., reinsuring old school house at Graniteville.....	20 00	
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## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid for auditing accounts of Overseers of the Poor and master of the Almshouse, 1888-'89.....	\$4 00
A. P. Richardson, attending 33 funerals with hearse.....	66 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$70 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$70 00
Paid R. E. Redding, furnishing and putting up guard lights at break in road at Sargent's mill pond, 45 nights. ....	11 25
Wm. M. Whitney, appraising property at Town Farm, 1889. ....	2 00
Frank C. Drew, appraising property at Town Farm, 1889, and making schudule of same. ....	2 50
Marshall & Hamblett, for legal services. .	100 00
M. R. Histen, repairing and varnishing hearse .....	23 40
Wm. E. Livingston, cement, etc. ....	3 60
N. J. Weir, tin boxes for filing papers. .	1 80
For rubber bands for filing papers. ....	3 25
Wm. C. Edwards, repairing Town Hall. .	3 75
John M. Fletcher, postage, paper, etc., furnished town officers. ....	4 60
J. T. Colburn, work at West Cemetery. .	6 50
B. F. Nutting, for work at the North Cemetery .....	5 00
A. P. Richardson, mowing East Cemetery .....	8 00
French & Puffer, for feather duster. ....	2 75
W. C. Edwards, for work of slaters and material furnished in repairing Town House roof. ....	7 09
Adams & Co., for matting for Selectmen's room. ....	35 82
Levi T. Fletcher, for 240 loads of gravel in 1888. ....	12 00
C. E. Adams, articles furnished for road repairs in 1888, plough points, etc. .	4 00
Staples Bros., for 80 feet Akron drain pipe for culverts. ....	13 20
George Tyler & Co., one large road plough, Scraper plates, etc. ....	22 50
C. E. Whidden, for spring broken from defect in road. ....	12 50
H. H. Wilder, for one sheet iron ash barrel for Town House. ....	4 25
Bartlett & Dow, for inside fastening for Town House door. ....	3 00
Rev. A. Woods, for distributing votes on Constitutional Amendment, appointed by the selectmen, in accordance with the State law. ....	2 87
	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	<hr/> \$367 63

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$367 63	
Paid I. E. Day, for distributing votes on Constitutional Amendment, appointed by the selectmen, in accordance with the State law.....	2 00	
J. B. Goodwin & Co., for voting benches,	10 50	
For one set of shelves for Town House safe .....	8 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for tools furnished for road work.....	7 70	
For stamps, envelopes, paper, etc., furnished town officers.....	11 75	
For sundries as per bill.....	9 40	
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., returning 23 births, 1888-'89, under Chapt. 158, Statutes of 1883.....	5 75	
John Feeney, for chamois skin and sponges.....	2 50	
I. W. Carlin, appraising property at Town Farm, 1889.....	2 00	
J. F. Smith, M. D., returning 23 births, 1889, under Chapt. 158, Stat. of 1883,	5 75	
	<hr/>	\$433 48

## EXPENSE OF FIRE INQUEST,

*Held by the First District Court, in Regard to the Burning of Buildings Owned by Philinda E. Worcester, Jan. 8, 1890.*

Paid H. C. Sherwin, officer's fees.....	\$6 50	
I. E. Day, officer's fees and expense going for witness, by order of court.....	5 85	
John W. Parker, witness fees.....	90	
Philinda E. Worcester, witness fees....	2 60	
H. Cummings, witness fees.....	2 60	
C. M. Cummings, witness fees.....	2 60	
W. H. Annis, witness fees.....	1 50	
Lucretia J. Reed, witness fees.....	2 60	
W. T. Reed, witness fees.....	2 60	
Charles Reed, witness fees.....	2 60	
Walter W. Wyman, witness fees.....	2 60	
Horace E. Gould, witness fees.....	2 60	
Everett E. Wright, witness fees.....	2 60	
J. W. Blodgett, witness fees.....	1 30	
Zina L. Mitchell, witness fees .....	2 60	
I. E. Day, witness fees.....	1 30	
D. Chester Parsons, reporting and transcribing evidence.....	15 00	
Alma A. Cummings, witness fees .....	2 60	
	<hr/>	\$60 95

# REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND ARTICLES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

## CENTRE SCHOOL HOUSE—TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid A. G. Whitcomb, for 13 primary desks,	\$24 10	
For desk and stand.....	1 20	
B. & L. Railroad, freight on above desks,	60	
J. M. Fletcher, ink and mucilage.....	1 15	
For brooms and crayons.....	1 61	
Geo. Drew, labor and material for repairs,	18 25	
L. W. Wheeler, for labor.....	50	
George Drew, glass, labor, etc.....	3 85	
Wright & Fletcher, broom, etc.....	45	
	<hr/>	\$51 71

## STONY BROOK SCHOOL.

Paid N. J. Weir & Co., for stove pipe.....	\$0 63	
A. B. Chapman, painting school house in 1888.....	33 75	
George Drew, glass and labor.....	1 55	
Wright & Fletcher, brooms.....	60	
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## FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOL HOUSE—TWO SCHOOLS.

No bills rendered to date.

## NASHOBA SCHOOL.

Paid Geo. Drew, labor and material for repairs,	\$3 30	
A. B. Chapman, labor painting school house in 1888.....	33 75	
Wright & Fletcher, broom, basin, etc....	1 10	
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## PARKERVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid Geo. Drew, labor and material for repairs,	\$6 70	
A. B. Chapmam, labor painting school house in 1888.....	33 75	
Wright & Fletcher, broom, pail, etc....	1 05	
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## MINOT'S CORNER SCHOOL.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, crayons and ink.....	\$ 65	
J. M. Fletcher, slates, pencils, etc.....	1 09	
J. M. Fletcher, broom.....	25	
Geo. Drew, labor and material for repairs,	3 42	
A. B. Chapman, labor painting school house in 1888.....	33 75	
Wright & Fletcher, broom.....	30	
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## NABNASSET SCHOOL.

Paid George Drew, labor and material for repairs .....	\$6 38	
A. G. Polley, cleaning well .....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$7 88

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR SCHOOL.

Paid J. Willard Fletcher, stove door, grate and lining .....	\$4 65	
J. Willard Fletcher, curtain rolls .....	75	
John M. Fletcher, pencils .....	20	
Wright & Fletcher, broom .....	30	
	<hr/>	5 90

## LYON SCHOOL.

Paid J. Willard Fletcher, for new stove .....	\$10 00	
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## GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE—FOUR SCHOOLS.

Paid W. A. Mack, repairs on furnace .....	\$44 47	
Eugene De Roehn, setting glass .....	1 00	
For repairing pump .....	1 25	
Wright & Bemis, brooms, crayons, etc. .	2 85	
George Drew, 12 outside windows .....	35 00	
George Drew, material and labor .....	8 16	
Eugene De Roehn, setting up desks, etc.,	7 88	
Wright & Bemis, glass, etc. ....	4 16	
George Drew, six curtains .....	9 25	
George Drew, resetting seats, fitting windows .....	39 37	
H. Dane, painting window sashes .....	8 70	
George Drew, glass and door knobs .....	3 55	
Wright & Bemis, glass, putty, etc. ....	1 85	
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## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Paid Harper and Brothers, grammars, readers, etc. ....	\$22 77	
D. C. Heath, books and maps .....	17 80	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co, Riverside series,	1 66	
Ginn & Co., arithmetics .....	5 54	
George F. King & Merrill, ink .....	3 00	
Interstate Publishing Co., readers .....	10 10	
Harrison Hume, readers and arithmetics,	10 68	
George S. Perry, books, paper, pencils, etc. ....	57 71	
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*Amount carried forward* ..... \$129 26

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$729 26	
Paid John E. Potter, geographies.....	5 00	
Carroll W. Clarke, report cards.....	1 00	
A. S. Barnes & Co, language tablets, etc.,	8 25	
Lee & Shepard, books.....	7 67	
A. C. Stockin, readers.....	7 26	
Cowperthwait & Co., books .....	39 49	
Charles H. Kilburn, books.....	2 50	
Boston School Supply Co., books.....	1 25	
Teachers' Pub. Co., books.....	96	
Locke, Shewell & Sanborn, books.....	1 34	
Wright & Fletcher, pencils.....	28	
Express on books.....	8 15	
Wm. Ware & Co., arithmetics.....	1 75	
		<hr/> \$214 16

## MILITARY AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

*As authorized by Chapt. 279, Acts of 1889.*

Paid January.....	\$42 00	
February.....	42 00	
March.....	42 00	
April.....	42 00	
May.....	42 00	
June.....	42 00	
July.....	42 00	
August.....	42 00	
September.....	42 00	
October.....	42 00	
November.....	67 00	
December.....	87 00	
		<hr/> \$574 00

## STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES.

*As authorized by Chapt. 301, Acts of 1889.*

Paid January.....	\$59 50	
February.....	59 50	
March.....	59 50	
April.....	59 50	
May.....	59 50	
June.....	62 50	
July.....	62 50	
August.....	62 50	
September.....	62 50	
October.....	62 50	
November.....	62 50	
December.....	62 50	
		<hr/> \$735 00

## REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

In accordance with Chapt. 98, Acts of 1889, the Selectmen appointed Edward Prescott, superintendent of roads, and under his direction the following expenditures have been made :

Paid Thomas Moore, for $152\frac{1}{4}$ days' work....	\$228 37
A. Haley, for $42\frac{3}{4}$ days' work.....	64 12
A. Sherwood, for $77\frac{3}{4}$ days' work.....	116 62
T. E. Moore, for 19 days' work.....	28 50
John Griffin, for $1\frac{1}{2}$ days' work.....	2 25
Samuel Aiken, for $29\frac{3}{4}$ days' work.....	44 62
Henry Lewis, for $153\frac{1}{4}$ days' work, } George A. Austin, for $156\frac{3}{4}$ days' work, } H. B. Ruiter, for 143 days' work, }	857 50
Work of horses, equal to 356 days' work for one pair.....	712 00
J. Wilkerson, for $137\frac{3}{4}$ days' work.....	206 62
E. E. Fletcher, furnishing and drawing 150 loads gravel.....	60 00
E. E. Fletcher, work of men and horses in April and May.....	22 75
Hiram Whitney, work on roads.....	20 00
F. E. Miller, for grate.....	1 25
F. H. Lewis, for use of cart.....	20 00
John W. Day & Son, work on roads....	7 00
J. Wilkerson, work in March, 1889.....	3 50
Town teams, drawing gravel to centre of town.....	24 00
E. A. Stevens, cutting brush.....	3 00
John Wilson, for work near his house...	1 00
Edward Prescott, looking after repairs on roads.....	65 00
G. T. Day, for work of man in March, April and May.....	5 65
For plough points.....	1 07
	<hr/> \$2,504 81

In addition to the above, the Selectmen have paid the following bills for repairs of roads and bridges :

Paid J. H. Horan, relaying and cleaning culvert.....	\$1 50
W. F. Balch, labor, 1888-'89.....	1 50
W. F. Balch, repairing road near Car- lisle station.....	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	<hr/> \$5 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$5 00	
Paid Wm. Hague, cutting brush and repairing bridge on Acton road.....	6 00	
J. Desmond, furnishing lumber and re- pairing bridge.....	13 25	
Henry Allen, labor.....	4 50	
John A. York, relaying bank wall at Graniteville, at Sargent's Mill Pond,	75 00	
C. G. Sargent's Sons, furnishing and re- pairing fence rail near Mill Pond....	6 67	
W. H. Decatur, labor.....	1 00	
E. H. Flagg, repairing road near his house, in March, 1888.....	2 03	
C. M. Griffin, repairing bridge.....	1 00	
Charles H. Wright, furnishing, drawing and leveling 132 loads of gravel near his house.....	39 60	
W. H. Brown, repairing Beaver Brook road.....	1 25	
L. O. Butterfield, labor, 1888.....	4 50	
B. F. Day, for 68 loads gravel put on road near East Littleton station....	3 40	
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		\$163 20

## TAXES ORDERED AS ERRORS.

1887. George W. Cummings.....	\$8 80	
“ Augustus Flynn.....	24	
“ Cornelius O'Brien.....	2 00	
1888. Thomas Donnell.....	2 00	
“ John Spellman.....	2 00	
“ Patrick O'Toole.....	2 00	
“ William Leahey.....	2 00	
1889. Edward Barton.....	2 00	
“ Augustus Bunce.....	38	
“ A. E. French.....	2 00	
“ John Maguire.....	2 00	
“ W. E. Parsons.....	2 40	
“ Frederick Seifer.....	2 00	
“ Wm. Turner.....	2 00	
“ Mrs. Arthur Wright.....	14 97	
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		\$46 79

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1884.	David L. Polly.....	\$2 00
"	Thomas C. Reed.....	2 00
1885.	Alvin McClenna.....	2 00
"	Patrick Savage.....	2 00
"	Otis Adams.....	55
1886.	Harry Blodgett.....	2 00
"	Henry Blodgett.....	2 00
"	Alvin McClenna.....	2 00
"	John York.....	2 00
1887.	Fred J. Blodgett.....	2 00
"	Samuel Boothroid.....	2 00
"	Mark Boynton.....	2 00
"	Abram Brown.....	3 65
"	Melvin Brooks.....	2 00
"	Thomas Billings.....	2 00
"	Patrick Daley.....	2 00
"	Heirs of Lot M. Esty.....	2 86
"	Charles Eager.....	2 00
"	John Flynn.....	2 00
"	Patrick Flynn.....	2 00
"	George E. Forbush.....	2 00
"	George Foster.....	2 00
"	Michael Gallagher.....	2 00
"	Francis Harker.....	2 00
"	Charles E. Ingliss.....	2 00
"	Samuel Judge.....	2 00
"	Michael Jubras.....	2 00
"	Reuben Kingston.....	2 00
"	Peter Lord.....	2 00
"	Francis Lowther.....	2 00
"	William Moore.....	2 00
"	David Merrill.....	2 00
"	Parker Mott.....	2 00
"	J. C. Murphy.....	2 00
"	Willard T. Reed.....	2 00
"	Thomas C. Reed.....	2 00
"	John Ray.....	2 00
"	Albert Simpson.....	2 00
"	Edward St. Louis.....	2 00
"	Daniel Sullivan.....	2 00
"	John Torrence.....	2 00
"	Charles Winchester.....	2 00
"	Fred S. Wayne.....	2 00

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## SUMMARY.

	1889.	1888.	1887.	1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.
Town Officers .....	\$438 73	\$452 12	\$421 16	\$473 21	\$718 80	\$408 27	\$435 67	\$380 67	\$439 47	\$403 81
Tax Collector and Constables	173 92	155 53	141 88	165 98	161 50	194 87	136 15	147 80	143 39	178 40
School Committee.....	170 00	223 00	122 50	171 75	167 85	211 50	112 50	172 50	166 33	168 25
Town Library.....	440 07	314 90	347 63	380 30	360 69	380 97	414 68	377 11	536 38	319 20
Town House.....	169 42	184 91	195 29	174 13	194 83	169 09	165 33	196 73	175 84	183 45
Printing.....	121 70	148 35	124 20	215 35	140 75	129 15	138 47	153 97	142 95	126 90
Insurance.....	284 75	220 43		365 00	285 00	30 00	97 75		183 00	216 75
School Houses.....	398 62	264 47	331 91	148 79	416 10	271 46	112 64	65 92	190 55	170 96
Incidental Expenses.....	433 48	617 84	445 68	619 08	519 62	591 08	774 84	493 46	508 27	500 42
State Aid .....	735 00	714 00	444 00	612 00	590 00	455 70	393 00	338 00	363 00	427 50
State Aid to Indig'nt Soldiers	574 00	526 00	721 00	509 00	534 00	461 00	467 00	514 00	387 40	449 00
Roads and Bridges.....	2,668 01	2,480 92	2,459 59	2,537 12	2,217 47	1,654 84	1,934 77	1,477 41	1,552 07	1,504 19
Breaking Roads.....		752 38	113 62		44 68	196 36	11 92	620 86	420 63	70 86
Overseers of Poor.....	2,300 50	1,783 49	1,576 72	1,994 50	2,185 24	1,954 40	2,058 68	2,029 76	2,147 94	1,680 66
Abatement of Taxes.....	87 06	75 25	72 68	75 54	90 54	90 56	140 00	10 21	266 54	
Errors in Taxes.....	46 79	42 63	65 30	96 35	6 59	174 17				
School Books, etc.....	214 16	263 06	300 79	476 69	687 96	76 08				
No. 8 School House, etc.....					1,631 11					
Registration Board.....	81 00	47 50	49 00	35 50	33 00	94 70				
Guide Board.....					50 00					
State Aid Expenses.....	60 95		12 00	67 50						
Fire Inquest.....										
	\$9,398 16	\$9,266 78	\$7,945 15	\$9,114 74	\$11,035 73	\$13,863 09	\$8,427 16	\$8,319 56		

Selectmen  
of  
Westford.

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,

Approved. J. HENRY READ, Auditor.

## STONE FUND.

HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN TREASURER, ACTING TREASURER  
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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One share Lowell Manufacturing Company, income.....	\$30 00
Two shares Shoe & Leather Bank, Boston, income.....	9 00
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	\$39 00
Balance of fund in Savings Bank.....	\$20 15

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## FLETCHER FUND.

In Savings Bank.....	\$1000 00
Interest due March.....	40 00

NAHUM H. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending February 12, 1890 :

## AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING FARMING TOOLS, BY APPRAISAL BY THE COMMITTEE.

February, 9, 1890.....	\$3,813 80
February 9, 1889.....	3,689 86
Gain on personal property.....	\$123 94

## RECEIPTS.

Received for labor.....	\$1,699 37
milk .....	737 65
cider.....	32 16
potatoes.....	28 45
onions.....	6 10
peas .....	18 47
apples .....	3 60
cows .....	143 16
bull .....	20 00
cow-hide .....	2 50
pigs.....	47 90
calves.....	25 25
cranberries.....	69 35
old iron.....	7 78
beef .....	10 75
wood .....	31 30
pickles.....	40
sweet corn.....	1 75
beets.....	4 81
turnips .....	1 60
use of boar .....	1 00
board.....	2 00
eggs.....	1 88
use of ensilage cutter.....	10 00
indigent soldiers.....	338 00

\$3,245 23

## PAYMENTS.

Paid for labor.....	\$1,225 43
groceries .....	536 01
crackers.....	32 32
fish .....	17 92
medicine .....	9 52
tea and coffee.....	23 80
butter and cheese.....	23 21
clothing for inmates.....	22 64
wheelwright work.....	12 50
standing grass.....	12 00
clock.....	3 50
turkeys .....	4 50
iron pan.....	1 00
milk books.....	1 14
repairing boots.....	34
axle greese.....	1 75
house paper.....	6 31
zinc.....	1 60
lime .....	55
tinware .....	3 44
freight.....	1 25
repairing milk cans.....	60
stationary.....	14
water pails and milk can.....	2 50
paint and brush.....	3 50
horse brush.....	25
rat traps.....	45
dipper .....	25
soap .....	3 20
pasturing cow.....	4 75
mowing machine knife.....	4 60
chickens .....	2 00
cranberry rake.....	2 50
files .....	40
handsaw .....	90
sundries.....	2 25
window fixtures.....	50
milk .....	5 00
apples .....	2 90
washtub.....	1 95
hardware.....	3 07
car fare.....	69
repairs on ensilage cutter.....	50
tin pail.....	85
powder and fuse.....	2 75
seven cows.....	328 00

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*Amount carried forward.....* \$2,315 23

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$2,315 23
Paid for H. D. Pierce.....	550 00
grain .....	750 24
care of W. W. Stiles.....	81 00
blacksmith work.....	92 71
medical attendance on inmates.....	25 75
coffin and robe.....	13 00
water pipe.....	6 14
meat .....	149 05
rubber sheet.....	3 00
window shades.....	1 55
crockery .....	2 65
knives.....	32
drag plank.....	3 00
butchering .....	2 50
combs .....	20
potatoes.....	70
harness work.....	53 45
vinegar.....	4 00
cutting corn.....	25 00
coal .....	12 50
digging grave.....	2 00
garden seed, etc.....	15 47
horse rake .....	25 00
making cider in 1888.....	38 60
John Green .....	5 00
Thomas Carney.....	3 00
Rev. C. H. Rowley, for attending funeral of Amos Hildreth.....	2 00
one bull.....	16 00
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	\$4,199 06
Deduct income from the farm.....	\$3,245 23
Cash in H. B. Ruiter's hands.....	254 36
Gain on personal property.....	123 94
Expense of keeping 524 tramps.....	131 00
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	\$3,754 53

Leaves the cost of supporting the poor inside almshouse..      \$444 53

#### COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid City of Lowell, for Henry and Albert Hosley, and John and Charles Larkin at the truant school..	\$390 19
City of Lowell, for Lettice J. Reed.....	14 00
City of Lowell, for Joseph Kesey.....	7 50
City of Lowell, for Bridget Larkin.....	4 75
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$416 44



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$416 44
Paid City of Lowell, for Margaret Casey's child.....	41 50
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Alvin Nutting.....	54 85
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on W. H. Piper's family.....	12 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. Wm. Gower.....	48 15
For board of Ella Ingalls.....	18 00
For aid rendered Jane A. L. Patch.....	26 00
For aid rendered Nellie Flynn.....	7 50
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Sarah J. Ingalls.....	7 00
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Ernest Rey.....	3 00
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. Harrington's family.....	24 50
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. Knox's family.....	4 50
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Telesfor Gossos.....	9 50
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Ella Ingalls.....	26 00
For copy of marriage certificate of Joseph Whitney, Hospital bills for J. W. Raymond, R. Keyes, A. Woodward, Mrs. Quinn.....	404 07
Wright & Bemis, for goods furnished Mrs. J. Davie, Wright & Bemis, for goods furnished Sherman L. Prescott.....	45 00
Wright & Bemis, for goods furnished Mrs. J. Wilkinson.....	90 00
E. Gould, for time and expense in going to Lowell about Mrs. Casey.....	23 00
E. Gould, for time spent in buying cow for almshouse.....	1 00
E. Gould, for car fare.....	1 00
E. Gould, for services as Overseer of the Poor.....	68
W. F. Balch, for services as Overseer of the Poor..	10 00
E. Prescott, for time spent in taking Mrs. Wm. Reed to the almshouse.....	10 00
E. Prescott, time spent in looking up the settlement of W. H. Piper.....	2 00
E. Prescott, for time spent about Catharine Callahan,	4 50
E. Prescott, for time spent about Margaret Casey..	2 50
E. Prescott, for time spent about E. Holt.....	1 50
E. Prescott, for making out report to the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity.....	2 00
E. Prescott, for making out report to the town.....	5 00

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*Amount carried forward*..... \$1,306 47

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$1,306 47
Paid E. Prescott, for stationary and postage.....	2 00
For services as Overseer of the Poor.....	10 00
For the support of Martha Wright.....	60 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Martha Wright.....	15 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on J. Wilkinson.....	26 30
For goods for J. Wilkinson.....	61 86
For one stove.....	12 00
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	\$1,493 63
Received from the Town of Ayer, on account of Alvin Nutting.....	\$54 85
Received from the Town of Tyngsboro, on account of Sarah J. and Ella Ingalls ....	51 00
Received from the City of Lowell, for Thomas Raymond.....	2 86
Due from the State on account of Telesfor Gossos.....	4 00
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	\$112 71
Expenses of the poor outside of the almshouse.....	\$1,380 92

## STATEMENT.

Cash in Overseer's hands at last settlement .....	\$3 76
Cash in hands of master of the almshouse at last settle- ment .....	176 43
Cash drawn from the town treasurer.....	2,300 50
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	\$2,480 69
Cash in the hands of master of the almshouse, \$254 36	
Due from the State on account of Telesfor Gossos .....	4 00
Gain on personal property.....	123 94
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	\$382 30
Cost of supporting the poor, exclusive of interest on farm,	\$2,098 39
Number receiving two meals and lodging.....	524
Number supported in the almshouse.....	9
Average number.....	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Number receiving assistance outside of almshouse,	31

EDWARD PRESCOTT,  
EDWIN GOULD,  
WAYLAND F. BALCH,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

Approved. J. HENRY REED, *Auditor.*

# Appraisal of Personal Property.

AT THE ALMSHOUSE IN WESTFORD, MASS., FEB. 8, 1890.

6 horses.....	\$1,200 00	1 roller.....	6 00
12 cows.....	420 00	1 drag rake.....	50
1 bull.....	16 00	1 stone drag.....	6 00
9 harnesses.....	135 00	1 barrel cement.....	1 00
5 halters.....	4 00	3 plows.....	30 00
Curry combs and brushes	1 00	2 cultivators.....	6 00
1 wolf robe.....	4 00	1 corn planter.....	10 00
6 blankets.....	5 00	6 rakes.....	60
4 feed bags.....	50	6 chains.....	6 00
8 feed boxes.....	1 80	7 iron bars.....	4 50
16 tons English hay.....	256 00	5 garden hoes.....	1 25
5 tons meadow hay.....	35 00	3 picks.....	2 25
2 tons rye straw.....	20 00	Stone tools.....	8 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ ton oat straw.....	5 00	14 shovels.....	5 00
35 tons ensilage.....	175 00	7 iron rakes.....	2 00
3 bags shorts.....	4 20	6 scythes and swaths....	3 50
3 bushels of oats.....	1 15	3 potato diggers.....	1 00
1 bushel of middlings....	40	1 hoe.....	50
2 bags of meal.....	1 80	6 manure forks.....	3 00
1 set of measures.....	1 50	2 grindstones.....	3 75
2 flails.....	50	1 mowing machine.....	30 00
7 hay forks.....	2 00	2 sacks.....	50
8 meal bags.....	2 00	1 corn sheller.....	2 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ gallon oil.....	65	6 bushels rye.....	3 60
2 horse muzzles.....	1 50	Fanning mill.....	4 00
Wrenches and hammer..	3 00	6 ladders.....	7 00
1 ensilage cutter.....	50 00	2 tubs.....	25
1 express wagon.....	30 00	Apple picker.....	25
1 milk wagon.....	40 00	Corn cutter.....	50
1 sleigh.....	15 00	7 bushel baskets.....	3 50
1 whip.....	50	Nails.....	60
1 horse cover.....	1 00	Trowel.....	50
Rope and pulleys.....	1 00	Neck yokes and eveners..	16 00
1 feed cutter.....	1 00	Ditching knife.....	1 00
1 hay knife.....	1 00	Old iron.....	2 00
Water trough.....	15 00	21 fowls.....	10 50
Bells.....	1 50	9 shoats.....	27 00
2 two-horse sleds.....	60 00	Lumber.....	10 00
1 one-horse sled.....	10 00	Beans.....	15 00
4 carts.....	100 00	1 cow bell.....	50
1 pung.....	10 00	47 cords of wood.....	188 00
1 hay wagon.....	30 00	1 range.....	30 00
1 farm wagon.....	15 00	3 stoves.....	15 00
1 stone wagon.....	25 00	10 beds, bedding, etc....	250 00
1 wheelbarrow.....	2 00	6 tables.....	3 00
2 horse rakes.....	30 00	1 extension table.....	5 00

5 chests and drawers.....	4 00	Injection pipe.....	1 50
3 light stands.....	75	Padlock and chain.....	1 00
1 chamber set.....	10 00	3 lanterns.....	2 25
1 cabinet chair.....	1 00	2 clothes baskets.....	75
18 chairs.....	8 00	3 clothes lines.....	1 00
1 bed-pan.....	75	1 clothes dryer.....	1 00
5 rocking chairs.....	1 50	2 wash boilers.....	1 00
2 sieves.....	75	1 washing machine.....	1 50
Window and door screens.....	10 00	4 wash tubs.....	1 00
6 looking-glasses.....	3 00	Set of wood bowls.....	1 00
Shovel and tongs.....	1 00	3 cranberry rakes.....	4 50
Cradle.....	1 00	1 churn.....	1 50
1 caster.....	50	Cheese press.....	1 00
Dinner bell.....	50	Branding iron.....	1 50
1 steelyard.....	1 75	4 apple parers.....	1 75
2 porcelain kettles.....	1 50	2 chests.....	1 00
1 copper kettle.....	1 75	2 saw-horses.....	1 00
2 chopping knives and tray.....	1 25	1 meat cutter.....	3 00
Stoneware.....	2 00	Clothes wringer.....	2 50
2 dozen Mason cans.....	2 25	1 meat chest.....	1 50
2 brooms.....	40	5 axes.....	3 00
2 mops.....	50	Carpenter's tools.....	13 00
1 whitewash brush.....	1 50	3 wood saws.....	2 00
Knives, forks and spoons.....	4 50	Axle grease.....	1 50
Crockery.....	15 00	35 pounds lard.....	2 50
Slop-pail.....	30	10 tubs.....	1 00
Tinware.....	23 00	1 step ladder.....	1 00
4 dozen candles.....	1 00	36 bars soap.....	1 80
$\frac{1}{4}$ barrel flour.....	1 50	Oil.....	50
Spices and box.....	1 25	2 clocks.....	4 50
$1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds tea.....	75	300 pounds pork.....	30 00
2 pounds coffee.....	60	Hams and shoulders.....	15 00
1 pound soda.....	05	75 pounds corned beef....	3 00
Cream of tartar.....	40	1 barrel pickles.....	8 00
Extracts, etc.....	3 00	15 pounds butter.....	3 90
$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel G sugar.....	8 00	100 bushels potatoes.....	60 00
30 pounds maple sugar...	3 00	Beets and turnips.....	5 00
2 pounds raisins.....	25	24 empty barrels.....	10 00
7 candle sticks.....	75	$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel soap.....	1 75
Candle moulds.....	1 50	5 jars piccalilli.....	75
4 water pails.....	80	48 jars preserves.....	10 00
Glass ware.....	3 75	Onions.....	50
7 lamps.....	2 50	30 flour barrels.....	3 00
7 flatirons.....	1 75	2 traps.....	50
Table linen and towels. .	5 00	$\frac{3}{4}$ ton coal.....	4 50

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 \$3,813 80

WILLIAM M. WHITNEY,  
FRANK C. DREW,  
C. R. P. DECATUR,  
*Appraisers of Property.*

# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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WESTFORD, Mass., Feb. 26. 1890.

GENTLEMEN—I hereby certify that I have made a full and thorough inspection of the accounts of the Town Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and Selectmen, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. HENRY READ,  
*Auditor.*

TO MESSRS. GEORGE T. DAY,  
A. P. RICHARDSON,  
ISSAC W. CARKIN,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*



## LIBRARY REPORT.

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The Trustees of Westford Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year 1889-90 :

The principal work of the trustees, the past year, has been the preparing of a new catalogue, which has recently been completed, and placed before the town. Much labor was spent upon it, and efforts were made to render it accurate and to arrange it in such manner that it would be of most practical use. At the first meeting of the trustees in regard to the arrangement, it was unanimously decided to make some changes in classification, general arrangement, etc., which it seemed would be for the greater convenience both of the librarian and the public.

It seemed advisable to the trustees to make a small charge for the catalogues, instead of distributing them freely as had been done heretofore. This is customary in many libraries, and it was believed, that, by charging for them a smaller number of catalogues would be sufficient to meet the demands, or, that the supply would last longer.

It was found, at once, that the appropriation of the town, at the last annual meeting for the purpose of a catalogue, was insufficient, but, knowing that a catalogue was generally desired and, indeed, needed, it was decided by the trustees to go on with the work in the best manner and as cheaply as would be consistent with good work.

The expenses are as follows :

To Rev. A. Woods, work on catalogue.....	\$ 52 30
Miss C. E. Read, work on catalogue.....	54 60
Morning Mail Co. for printing and work on 500 catalogues.....	213 92

Our librarian deserves the thanks of all our townspeople for the efficiency with which she fulfills the duties of her position. The library is in excellent condition, and her assistance and kind attention to all the patrons of the library are, we feel sure, appreciated.

The aim of those who have always had our library in charge has been to make it a valuable factor in the intellectual and moral growth and development of our children and youth, and we believe the debt we, as a community, owe to this library can never be calculated. To appreciate, approximately, its worth it is only necessary to study the towns of the size of our own, and even those much larger, where public libraries are unknown, and where, without exception, the intellectual and moral standard is lower than with us.

The aim of the present trustees in regard to the purchase of books, has been, we believe, in harmony with that of previous Boards. We have cordially invited all residents of the town to suggest lists of books which they would like added to the library, and, as far as possible, have complied with their requests.

Complaint is sometimes made that many books are purchased for libraries which are read only by a very few ; but it should be remembered that a two-fold aim must always influence the purchaser of books for libraries, particularly for public libraries. The aim, certainly, should be to provide the public with the live literature of the day, in as many departments as possible, but it should also be to place upon the shelves classical litera-

ture, so that each year, as it passes, may find the library richer in those works which have a permanent value. With this thought in mind, the trustees, the past year, have added not a few books which will increase in their actual value as time passes ; and they have tried to supplement and carry on the work of their predecessors in this direction.

Thanks are due the selectmen for their kind and generous response to several requests made which, it was believed, would be for the general good of the library and the comfort of its patrons. Early in the summer wire screens and window shades were purchased by them, and, recently, a fine, large hanging lamp has been purchased for the library.

In looking over the library and rearranging the books, in making out the new catalogue, some duplicates of books were found, which seemed not to be needed. They were sold by the trustees, with the exception of a few copies sent to the Graniteville Club room, and the sum of \$17.95 received for them. Out of this money \$6.00 was expended for a table needed for atlases, books of reference, etc., and the balance, \$11.95, was turned over to the town treasurer, to be placed with the library funds.

Number of books purchased .....	240
Public documents received from State.....	9
Public documents received from United States .....	19
Other books presented.....	8
Whole number added during year.....	276
Whole number of books in Library.....	6,097
Number of books discarded.....	12
Number of books lost .....	1
Number purchased to replace wornout copies .....	3
Number of pamphlets added during year .....	19
Number of books issued.....	7,039

Thanks are due to Mr. Allan Cameron, Dr. W. J. Sleeper, and Mr. Hennessy for books given.

The income and expenditures for the library have been as follows :

## RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance from last year.....	\$2 40
Town appropriation.....	150 00
Income from the Library fund.....	39 00
Dog tax appropriated.....	125 00
Fines.....	7 30
Sale of duplicate books.....	17 95
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	\$341 65

## EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	\$322 82
Express and postage.....	4 33
Librarian's supplies.....	5 43
Table.....	6 00
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	338 58
Balance unexpended.....	3 07
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	\$341 65

It seems to your trustees that the time is not far distant when some change in regard to the accommodations for our library will be needed. And while there is no immediate haste, will it not be well to store away in one of the pigeon holes of our brains some such memorandum as this : "SPECIAL NOTE : — A library building and reading room needed ; consider the matter seriously ; must come eventually."

In conclusion, the trustees would urge upon the people, the continued generous sustenance of this library for many reasons, not the least of which is, perhaps, a selfish one. Our town is one of which we have a right to be proud, and the time is at hand when our library will be one of other inducements to strangers seeking quiet, beautiful homes in an intelligent community to settle with us.

We respectfully recommend that the usual sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for the library for the ensuing year.

KATE S. HAMLIN,

A. WOODS,

J. M. FLETCHER,

*Trustees Westford Public Library.*

## LIST OF JURORS, 1890.

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The following names will be reported at the annual March meeting, to be placed in the Jury Box, subject to revision by the town :

HAMMETT D. WRIGHT,  
DANIEL ATWOOD,  
HENRY CHAMBERLIN,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,  
NAPOLEON B. BLOOD,  
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,  
GEORGE W. BUSSEY,  
HORACE E. GOULD,  
FRANK C. DREW,  
CHARLES E. WHIDDEN,

FRANKL. FLETCHER,  
OSCAR SPAULDING,  
HUGH DAILEY,  
JOHN H. HORAN,  
ELBERT E. FLAGG,  
ISAAC E. DAY,  
ALVAN FISHER,  
WARD A. COBURN,  
JOHN FEENEY,  
WESLEY O. HAWKES.

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN.

*Selectmen of Westford.*

Westford, Mass., March 4, 1890.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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WESTFORD, March 1, 1890.

The Selectmen submit the following statement, showing the financial condition of the Town, as taken from the Treasurer's books and other sources :

### RESOURCES.

Due for State aid to soldiers' families.....	\$735 00
Due for State aid to indigent soldiers.....	277 00
Taxes of 1888 remaining uncollected.....	1,600 00
Taxes of 1889 remaining uncollected.....	2,714 27
Balance of cash in treasury date of auditor's report.....	1,983 43
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Balance in favor of the Town.....	\$7,309 70

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,

*Selectmen of Westford.*

# Warrant for Town Meeting, March 17, 1890.

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To Isaac E. Day, one of the Constables of the Town of  
Westford, in said County,* GREETING :

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth, aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in election and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the seventeenth day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at 9 o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at 9 o'clock A. M., and close at 1 o'clock, P. M. And they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit :

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2nd. To hear Report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 3rd. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, or act in relation to the same.
- 4th. To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the Report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the Trustees of the Town Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, Town Treasurer, two School Committee for three years, three Fence Viewers, six

Constables, three Appraisers of Property at the Town Farm, one trustee of the Town Library for three years, one for one year, an Auditor, all on one ballot.

- 9th. To see if the town will vote to license the sale of ardent spirits, or act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To raise money to defray Town debts and charges, and direct how the same shall be paid into the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To raise money for Reading and Writing Schools.
- 12th. To choose a Collector of Taxes.
- 13th. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.
- 14th. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.
- 15th. To raise money to Repair Roads and Bridges, and direct by whom, and in what manner the same shall be expended.
- 16th. To choose all other Town officers, necessary to be chosen, by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.
- 17th. To see if the Town will vote to prosecute all persons, not residents of the Town, found fishing in any of the ponds within the limits of the Town, or act in relation to the same.
- 18th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for the painting of School Houses during the ensuing year, or act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To see if the Town will vote to erect a fence enclosing their land around the Forge Village School House, or act in relation to the same.
- 20th. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to mail, each year before the Annual Town Meeting, a copy of the Town Report, to every resident tax payer, or act in relation to the same.
- 21st. To see if the Town will vote to have the Report of the School Committee printed and bound with the Report of the other Town Officers, or act in relation to the same.
- 22nd. To see if the Town will vote to omit the appraisal of property at the Town Farm from the Town Report and print on a separate sheet, or act in relation to the same.
- 23rd. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the maintenance of an evening school in Graniteville during the next winter term, or act in relation to the same.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House

and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

*Given under our hands and seals, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety.*

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,

*Selectmen of Westford.*

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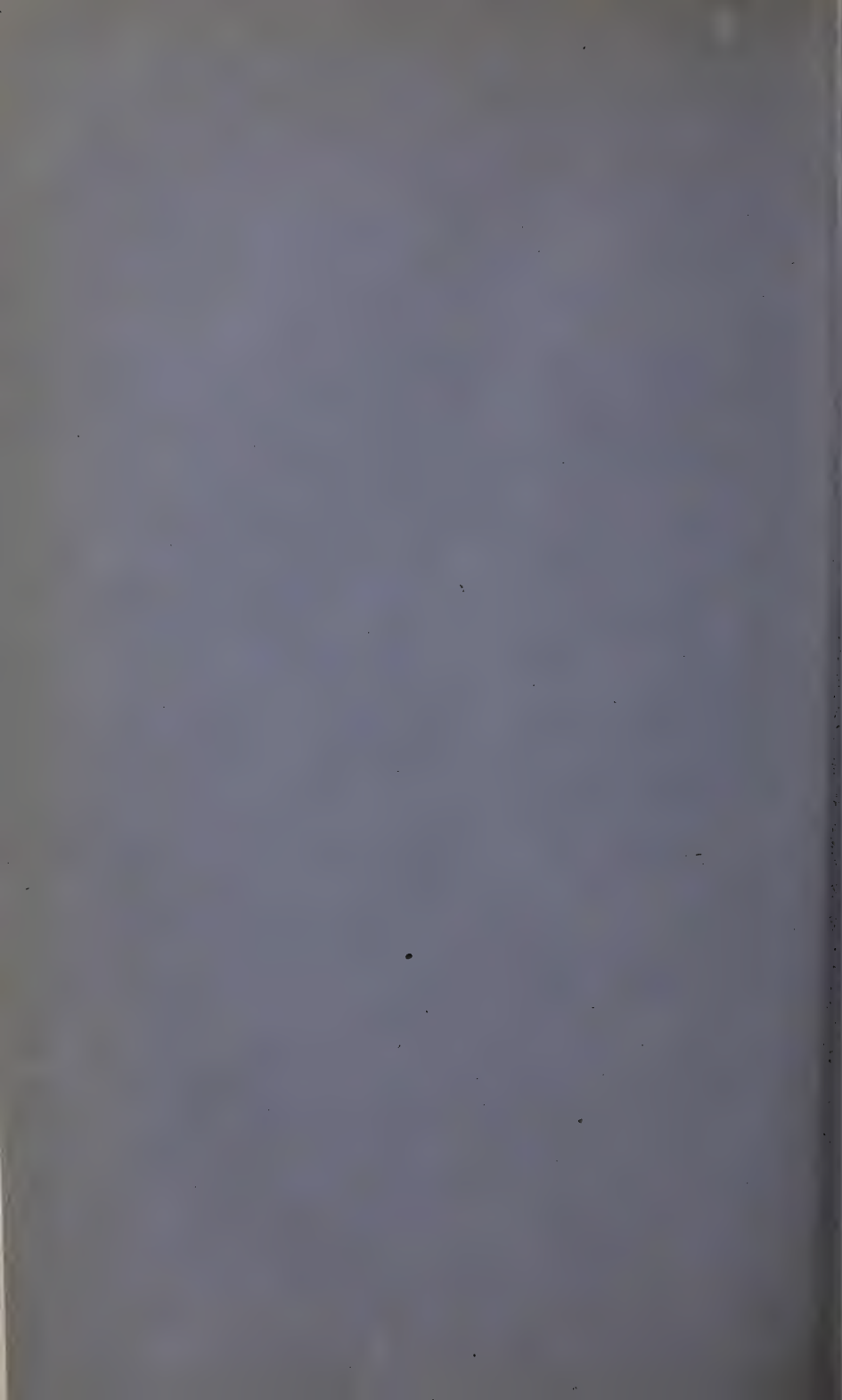
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# Officers of the Town of Westford, 1890.

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## TOWN CLERK.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT.

## SELECTMEN.

GEORGE T. DAY,                      ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE.

## ASSESSORS.

ASAPH B. CUTTER,                      ISAAC E. DAY,  
FRANK C. DREW.

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

EDWARD PRESCOTT,                      EDWIN GOULD,  
ALEC FISHER.

## TOWN TREASURER.

NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ALEC FISHER.

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

TRUE A. BEAN.

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

WESLEY O. HAWKES,	. . .	Term expires May 1, 1891.
FRANK L. FLETCHER, <i>Chairman</i> ,	. . .	Term expires May 1, 1892.
NELSON L. TUTTLE,	. . .	Term expires May 1, 1893.

The Town Clerk is a member ex-officio and Clerk of the Board.

## ELECTION INSPECTORS.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,                      W. H. H. BURBECK.

DEPUTY ELECTION INSPECTORS.

ALBERT R. CHOATE,

JOHN M. FLETCHER.

AUDITOR.

J. HENRY READ.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

EDWARD PRESCOTT.

The foregoing officers have all been sworn. Of the following only those marked by a star have been sworn.

CONSTABLES.

\*ISAAC E. DAY,

JOHN P. TAYLOR,

\*JOHN A. HEALY,

FRANK L. FLETCHER,

THOMAS WING,

\*CLARENCE R. P. DECATUR.

FIELD DRIVERS.

SIDNEY B. WRIGHT,

CHARLES A. HAMLIN,

ALEC McDUGALL,

FRANK L. FLETCHER,

JOHN FEENEY,

ALEC FISHER.

WILBERT E. PARSONS.

FENCE VIEWERS.

\* ALVIN G. POLLEY,

ALMON S. VOSE,

LEWIS C. DANE.

WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, ETC.

\* J. M. FLETCHER,

E. A. HAMLIN,

W. C. EDWARDS,

ARTHUR WRIGHT,

HENRY J. HEALY,

J. W. DAY,

A. J. ABBOT,

DANIEL E. ATWOOD,

\* C. E. WHIDDEN,

W. W. JOHNSON,

S. A. HAMLIN,

A. F. CAMERON,

N. H. WRIGHT,

JACOB SMITH,

W. E. PARSONS.

\* A. J. HEALY,

G. W. HEYWOOD,

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES.

WILBERT E. PARSONS.



SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER, ETC.

C. L. FLETCHER,	THOMAS DREW,	J. H. HEALY,
GILMER STONE,	G. H. PPESCOTT,	* F. H. LEWIS,
JACOB SMITH,	E. A. HAMLIN,	* W. W. WYMAN,
* T. E. SYMMES,	W. W. JOHNSON,	W. E. PARSONS,
* C. E. WHIDDEN,	A. S. REED,	W. M. VOSE,
G. A. PERHAM,	W. C. EDWARDS,	W. O. HAWKES.
	HAMMETT D. WRIGHT,	

No oath of office is required of the remaining officers.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FREDERIC A. FISHER, <i>Chairman</i> ,	Term expires March, 1891.
JEREMIAH DESMOND . . .	Term expires March, 1891.
ALBERT R. CHOATE, . . .	Term expires March, 1892.
J. SIDNEY MOULTON, <i>Sec. &amp; Sup't</i> ,	Term expires March, 1892.
ALVIN G. POLLEY, . . .	Term expires March, 1893.
JOHN H. HORAN, . . .	Term expires March, 1893.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NETTIE M. STEVENS, . . .	Term expires March, 1891.
CATHERINE S. HAMLIN, . . .	Term expires March, 1892.
WILLIAM E. FROST, . . .	Term expires March, 1893.

LIBRARIAN.

CARRIE E. READ.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

FRANK C. DREW,	WILLIAM M. WHITNEY,
CLARENCE R. P. DECATUR.	

JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

JOSEPH H. WILSON.

SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

HENRY B. RUITER.

AGENT FOR BURIAL OF DECEASED SOLDIERS.

GEORGE T. DAY.

# BIRTHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1890.*

Date.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
April 4, '90.	Austin, Martha.....	George A. and Addie M. (Nutting).
April 4.....	Austin, Myrtle.....	George A. and Addie M. (Nutting).
Feb. 6.....	Barnard, Amanda Louisa.....	Joel H. and Amanda M. (Gray).
March 1....	Beaufford, Marianna.....	Ralph and Rose (Bebose).
Mar. 27, '89.	Bennett, John William.....	Daniel and Kate (Hard).
June 14, '90.	Blaisdell, Harry Linwood.....	Alvin J. and Elizabeth A. (Hutchins).
Nov. 7.....	Brown, Henry.....	Ephraim Reed and Mary Brown.
May 14.....	Carkin, Stella Belle.....	Augustine W. and Susan (Bell).
Feb. 3.....	Carpenter, Charles Elijah.....	Eugene F. and Rebecca F. (Hamlin).
March 17..	Casey, Henry Harold.....	Daniel and Annie (Starr).
July 12.....	Couture, Alfred.....	Charles and Emma (Pesnos).
Nov. 2.....	Cummings, Walter Josiah.....	Irving and Jenny (Cheney).
May 22.....	Day, Mary Emma.....	Quincy W. and Ada A. (Sharp).
Sept. 28....	Demorest, Mary DeLarge.....	George and Mary J. (Allard).
Oct. 12.....	DeRoehn, Frank Alonzo.....	George H. and Minnie E. (Healy).
Jan. 28.....	Flagg, William L.....	Elbert H. and Lucy M. (Warren).
Sept. 22...	Fletcher, Harold Hill.....	Herbert E. and Caroline D. (Hill).
March 12..	Grant, Inez Dora.....	Elias J. and Esther (Hoyt).
Jan. 25.....	Hamlin, ———.....	Edward A. and Hattie B. (Peters).
Dec. 25.....	Hawkes, Dora Marion.....	Frank P. and Lizzie P. (Nutting).
Jan. 21.....	Healy, James.....	John A. and Mary A. (Callahan).
Feb. 13.....	Hughes, Lillian Evelyn.....	James and Melissa (Provost).
April 13....	Lanergan, Ella May.....	Charles and Lizzie.
Nov. 4.....	Lord, Helen Jennie.....	David and Ada (Bishop).
Jan. 7.....	Luddington, George William.....	George and Annie (Bower).
Aug. 28....	Marshall, Spurgeon Smith.....	John and Jane (Sherwood).
Feb. 9.....	McDougall, Henrietta May.....	Alexander and Hattie (Hosmer).
Dec. 11.....	Moore, Lillian Viola.....	Thomas E. and Charlotte I. (Moore).
Apr. 16....	Moran, Lillie May.....	David and Julia (Murphy).
Nov. 30.....	Moss, Beatrice Jane.....	Arthur E. and Elizabeth (Loynes).
Jan. 18.....	O'Brien, Sarah.....	James H. and Annie (Dunn).
Dec. 18....	Orange, Hilda Adelaide.....	Abraham and Ruth (Bennett).
Nov. 16....	Petherick, Frederick Richard.....	William H. and Bertha (Stancombe).
June 25....	Piper, James.....	William F. and Emma M. (Plummer).
Feb. 8.....	Quinn, Catherine.....	John W. and Mary T. (McGarry).
April 10....	Ruiter, Eva Alice.....	Henry B. and Emma F. (Britch).
Oct. 3.....	Shattuck, Cora Marilla.....	David H. and Ada F. (Stanley).
Nov. 2.....	Stancombe, Eva Louise.....	Richard and Grace (Medway).
March 12..	Symmes, Paul Edward.....	Thomas E. and Nancy A. (Hale).

Whole number recorded, 39; number born in Westford in 1890, males 15, females 22, total 37; of American parentage, 13; of foreign parentage, 12; American father and foreign mother, 5; American mother and foreign father, 7.

# MARRIAGES

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D., 1890.*

DATE.	NAMES.	Age.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
June 11....	Agnew, John Muir .....	20	Fitchburg. ....	Westford.
	Gardner, Joann .....	22	Westford. ....	Scotland.
Nov. 12....	Brummitt, Arthur .....	32	Fitchburg .....	England.
	Gardner, Jane .....	24	Westford.....	Scotland.
Sept. 26....	Buckingham, John.....	23	" .....	England.
	Willis, Lizzie .....	28	" .....	"
June 22....	Courtney, Alick .....	25	" .....	Canada.
	Barlow, Mary .....	16	" .....	"
Oct. 18 ....	Davidson, Joseph .....	30	" .....	Ireland.
	Farr, Mary Ann .....	27	Dracut .....	England.
Oct. 15 ....	DeRoehn, George H. ....	21	Westford.....	New York, N. Y.
	Healy, Minnie Eliza.....	20	Nashua, N. H. ....	Salem.
Oct. 1.....	Falls, Walter D. ....	23	Lowell .....	Westford.
	Polley, Grace J. ....	23	Westford.....	Chelmsford.
April 23....	Feeney, John .....	36	" .....	Ireland.
	McDougall, Jeannette .....	25	" .....	Scotland.
June 29....	Finch, Thomas .....	40	" .....	England.
	Constantino, Mary (Raymond) .....	44	" .....	Canada
July 12 ....	Gower, William .....	34	" .....	England.
	Donahue, Lizzie .....	24	" .....	Ireland.
Nov. 6.....	Horne, Thomas Jay.....	28	" .....	Millsboro, Pa.
	Boardman, Flora Maria .....	26	Boston .....	Boston.
Mar. 8. ....	Kennedy, Frank H. ....	27	Westford.....	Farmington, Me.
	Fraser, Emma I. (Kennedy) .....	38	Cambridge .....	Rockland, Me.
May 28....	McDonough, Thomas.....	34	Brattleboro, Vt. ..	Winterport, Me.
	Weed, Lizzie .....	32	Westford.....	Deer Island, Me.
Aug. 27....	Mosher, Frank E. ....	28	Lowell .....	Fayette, Me.
	Cheever, E. Belle .....	19	" .....	Lowell.
Aug. 27....	Noble, William Henry....	20	Pepperell .....	Lawrence.
	Gray, Florence L. ....	18	Westford.....	Lowell.
May 7.....	Paul, Gerald E. ....	23	Lowell .....	West Randolph, Vt.
	Moore, Annie G. ....	19	Westford.....	Littleton.
May 26....	Rose, George Henry .....	29	Cambridge .....	Cambridge.
	Ward, Mary Ellen .....	24	Westford.....	Groton.
April 2. ...	Thorpe, Thomas Edward .....	24	Hartford, Ct. ....	St. John, N. B.
	McFarland, Mary Jennie .....	22	Westford.....	Sussex, N. B.
May 10 ....	Wade, Obadiah Parker .....	32	Bear River, N. S. ..	Bear River, N. S.
	Warner, Julia B. ....	25	Westford.....	Princeton, N. J.
Jan. 29....	Wright, Sidney Boynton .....	33	" .....	Westford.
	Smith, Ella May .....	23	Townsend.....	Westford.

Number of marriages recorded.....20  
 Number solemnized in Westford..... 9  
 Westford grooms.....10  
 Westford brides.....14  
 Between Americans.....10  
 Between foreigners..... 8

American groom and foreign bride ..... 1  
 American bride and foreign groom ..... 1  
 Second marriage of groom..... 3  
 Second marriage of bride ..... 2  
 Solemnized by Westford clergymen ..... 7

## DEATHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1890.*

Date.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
April 4....	Austin, Martha—dau. of Geo. A. and Addie M. [Nutting]..	..	..	..
April 4....	Austin, Myrtle—dau. of Geo. A. and Addie M. [Nutting]..	..	..	..
March 1....	Boufford, Marianna—dau. of Ralph and Rose [Bebrose]...	..	..	..
Oct. 2.....	Brooks, Louisa [Fletcher]—wife of Foster.....	90	9	21
April 5.....	Butterworth, John T.—son of John and Sarah [Taylor]...	68	2	13
Oct. 31.....	Chandler, Mary A. [Pike]—resident of Tyngsborough.....	65	6	23
Oct. 10.....	Earle, Mary A. [Hodgdon]—widow of Thomas.....	62	1	8
Nov. 5.....	Fletcher, Ama [Richardson]—widow of Levi T.....	85	4	20
Jan. 31.....	Fletcher, Edward E.—son of Abel and Mary [Kimball]....	32	11	30
Aug. 17.....	Fletcher, Levi T.—son of Lyman and Louisa [Gates].....	92	3	25
Nov. 6.....	Garcaux, Igar [Eur]—wife of Telesfor.....	44	..	..
Aug. 5.....	Haggerty, Catherine J.—resident of Lowell.....	17	11	19
Nov. 5.....	Hammond, Eddie F.—resident of Boston.....	24	..	4
July 7.....	Hewett, Caroline [Smith]—widow of Charles.....	81	10	5
Sept. 4.....	Hildreth, Annie Maria [Lawrence]—wife of Frank H.....	27	10	..
Sept. 6.....	Hildreth, James—son of Jesse and Olive [Fletcher].....	73	8	26
Jan. 27.....	Hurry, Christianna [Brown]—wife of William.....	53	5	15
Feb. 16.....	Kierstead, Catherine A.—dau. Luke and Catherine [Erving]	47	10	13
May 3.....	Lanergan, Ella May—daughter of Charles E. and Lizzie....	..	..	21
Aug. 21.....	LeBarron, Hannah [Watson]—resident of Lowell.....	74	3	..
March 30....	Marshall, Lydia [Sherwood]—widow of Robert.....	81	..	26
Jan. 30.....	Millis, Mary B. [Whitney]—wife of George F.....	45	7	9
July 7.....	Nutting, Stephen H.—son of Asia and Clarissa [Wilkins].	63	10	27
April 19....	Petherick, Nora Bertha—dau. W. H. and Bertha [Stancombe]	1	3	30
Oct. 2.....	Pettersen, Karl Harold Hildeton—son A. & J. G. [Erikson]	1	1	6
Aug. 18.....	Quist, Gustaf Adolf—son Andreas G. & Regina [Patterson]	4	4	2
March 28....	Reed, George—son of Barnard and Mary [Handley].....	70	9	1
Sept. 15....	Smythe, Florence E.—died in Arlington.....	..	10	11
April 8.....	Stancombe, Lilla May—dau. Richard and Grace [Medway]..	..	10	12
April 16....	Stiles, William W.—son Caleb D. and Clara [Beckwith]....	62	3	..
Oct. 3.....	Stoddard, Russell S.—son Leonard and Lydia [Barstow]....	62	7	9
Jan. 24.....	Taylor, Mary Ann [Lucas]—widow of Adam.....	78	..	17
Dec. 5.....	Taylor, William—son of John and Helen [Ross].....	79	3	7
June 28....	Webster, Benjamin H.....	60	5	24
Feb. 26....	Wilkins, Clifford L.—son Andrew W. and Adora A. [West]	..	11	1
Jan. 1.....	Wood, Mary J. [Mills]—wife of Myron G.....	36	2	28
May 19.....	Wright, Frank E.—died in Boston.....	30	0	9
Sept. 26....	Wright, Joseph V.—died in Shirley.....	78	8	7
Feb. 19.....	Wright, Martha—dau. of Eleazer and Betsy [Nutting]....	85	..	..
Aug. 7.....	Wright, Stuart P.—resident of Somerville.....	62	9	19

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded.....	16	24	40
Number of deaths in town.....	13	21	34
Residents of Westford.....	13	19	32
Non-residents brought to town for interment.....	4	4	8
Number of interments in town.....	12	17	29

Causes of death : Pneumonia, 6; heart disease, premature birth, whooping cough, 3 each; heart failure, asthenia, consumption, Bright's disease, 2 each; hemorrhage of lungs, apoplexy, hydrothorax, drowning, cholera morbus, septicaemia, old age, measles, angina pectoris, cancer, paralysis, 1 each.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

Number of Dogs licensed prior to date of last return, Nov. 28, 1890 :  
 158 males at \$2.00 ..... \$316 00  
 5 females at \$5 00 ..... 25 00

Total ..... \$341 00  
 Deduct Clerk's fees, 163 licenses at 20 cents each ..... 32 60

Balance paid into county treasury ..... \$308 40

For which I hold the receipts of the Country Treasurer.

Of the foregoing licenses, 19 (males) were for the year ending April 30, 1890.

Number licensed since last return, Nov. 28, 1890, 7 (males).

Number licensed for the year ending April 30, 1891: Males, 146; females, 5; total 151.

Number returned by Assessors, males, 157; females, 3; total, 160.

## OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES SINCE LAST REPORT.

*The licenses are for the year ending April 30, 1891,  
unless otherwise specified.*

Abbot, A. J.	Boynton, Henry	Daly, Hugh
Adams, Chas. L. (1890-91)	Brown, John	Dane, Hiram
Aloe, Henry	Buckminster, E. F.	Davis, A. S. (2)
Andrews, Chas.	Butterfield, L. O.	Davis, Wm.
Banister, Chas. H.	Butterworth, W. L.	Day, Isaac E.
Barnard, J. H.	Caldwell, O. S. (1890-91)	Decatur, C. R. P.
Bean, Mary A.	Carkin, Geo. F.	Decatur, J. H.
Bemis, Henry S.	Carkin, Isaac W.	Desmond, J. (1890-91)
Berry, Ernest	Carmichael, D.	Downs, M. F. (1890-91)
Berry, James	Carmichael, J. H.	Drew, Greenleaf, Mrs.
Bicknell, L. C.	Carr, Michael	Dunn, Thomas
Blaisdell, A. J.	Carrick, Wm.	Dupee, A. E.
Blodgett, Josiah W.	Carver, Wm. R.	Eaton, Ward W.
Blodgett, L. W. (2)	Casey, Daniel	Edwards, F. C.
Blood, N. B.	Collier, James	Edwards, W. C. (1890-91)
Bolan, Belle. Female.	Comey, Wm. S. (2)	Feeney, John



Felch, John K.	Humiston, S. G.	Reed, Wm. (2)
Fifield, Geo. H. Female.	Hutchins, John	Sargent, A. C. (2)
Fillebrown, H. F.	Hutchins, M. F.	Sargent, Fred G.
Fiske, C. H.	Hutchins, S. E.	Sheahan, Andrew
Fletcher, Benj. M.	Ireland, Nellie B.	Sherburne, Geo. (1890)
Fletcher, Harry N. (2)	King, Albert	Shugrue, C. F.
Fletcher, H. A. (1890-91)	Larkin, John	Splaine, Patrick
Fletcher, J. W.	Lee, Frank A.	Stephan, Reinhold
Fletcher, Mary K.	Lewis, F. H.	Stevens, E. A.
Floyd, Samuel	Mann, E. L., Mrs. Female	Sullivan, James
Forbush, Frank L.	Martin, Fred	Sullivan, Jeremiah
Frederick, Geo. S.	McCarty, Chas. J.	Sweatt, Fred A.
Gardner, Robert	McDonald, Angus	Sweetser, Geo. N.
Gauthier, Joseph	McGlincha, John	Taylor, John P.
George, Ransom N.	Monohan, John	Vose, Wm. M.
Gould, Geo. E.	Moore, Edward A.	Wall, Christiana
Gould, Horace E.	Moore, Thomas E.	Ward, J. M. (2) 1 Female
Griffin, Chas. M.	Morse, French M.	Wayne, John Female
Gurney, Henry A.	Murphy, Henry J.	Weaver, Wm.
Harrington, Henry	Nesmith, Geo. W. (2)	Whigham, Wm.
Hartford, Geo. H.	Nutting, B. F.	Whitney, Wm. M.
Hawkes, Wesley O.	Nutting, Willie	Willis, Wm. T.
Heald, Geo. H.	O'Brien, Honora	Wing, Thomas
Healy, James, Mrs.	O'Brien, J. H.	Wilson, John
Healy, John	O'Brien, Wm. (2)	Wilson, Joseph H.
Healy, John A.	Orange, Abram	Wright, Andrew S.
Heywood, A. W.	Perham, G. A.	Wright, Chas. A.
Hildreth, H. V.	Polley, Robert W.	Wright, Erastus
Hill, Geo. W.	Prescott, J. F.	Wright, Walter C.
Horan, John H.	Putney, S. F.	Wright, Willey M.
Horne, H. G.	Records, J. F.	Wyman, Walter W.
Hughes, James S.	Reed, Chas. W.	

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, Town Clerk.

WESTFORD, MASS., Feb. 14, 1891.

## Annual Town Meeting, 1890.

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held in the Town House, March 17, 1890, the following business was transacted:

1st. Albert P. Richardson was appointed Teller by the Town Clerk to assist in checking names and sorting and counting votes during the election of Moderator, and he was duly sworn by said Clerk. Frederic A. Fisher was unanimously elected Moderator.

2d. Voted, to take up Articles 8 and 9 together.

3d. The Moderator appointed George T. Day, Albert P. Richardson, Isaac W. Carlin and William L. Kittredge, tellers to act during the balloting for town officers and also on the license question and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. The meeting then proceeded to ballot for town officers and also on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," which latter vote was taken with the standard ballot box. Before the commencement of balloting the box was opened and found to be empty, the register standing on zero (0 0 0). Two votes failed to go in with the turn of the crank. At the close of the polls the register stood on 288. No. of names checked on voting list, 286. Whole number of ballots cast (by count), 286. The said ballots being sorted and counted, the result was declared to be as follows:

Yes—One hundred and thirty-two . . . (132),

No—One hundred and fifty-four . . . (154),

and the Moderator declared that the town had voted not to grant licenses.

The ballots for town officers were sorted and counted and the following persons were found to have a plurality of votes, and were declared to be elected:

TOWN CLERK—Gilman J. Wright, who was sworn by the Moderator.

SELECTMEN—William L. Kittredge, Albert P. Richardson, George T. Day; and they were duly sworn by the Moderator.

ASSESSORS—Asaph B. Cutter, Frank C. Drew, Isaac E. Day. Messrs Day and Drew were sworn by the Moderator.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR—Edward Prescott, Alec Fisher, Edwin Gould; and they were sworn by the Moderator.

TOWN TREASURER—Nahum H. Wright.

AUDITOR—Frederic A. Fisher.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS—Alvin G. Polley, John H. Horan.

CONSTABLES—Isaac E. Day, John A. Healy, Thomas Wing, John P. Taylor, Frank L. Fletcher, Clarence R. P. Decatur. Messrs. Day, Healy and Decatur were sworn by the Moderator.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT POOR FARM—Frank C. Drew, William M. Whitney, Clarence R. P. Decatur.

FENCE VIEWERS — Alvin G. Polley, Almon S. Vose, Lewis C. Dane.

TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY:

For One Year — Nettie M. Stevens.

For Three Years—William E. Frost.

Mr. Fisher declined serving as Auditor, and J. Henry Read was elected to that office.

4th. Voted, to take up Article 2.

5th. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as printed.

6th. Voted, to accept the report of the Auditor as printed.

7th. Voted, to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

8th. Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed.

9th. Voted, to accept and adopt the report of the Trustees of the Town Library as printed. The report recommends the appropriation of one hundred and fifty (150) dollars for the Library.

10th. Voted, to accept the verbal report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards.

11th. Voted, to raise three thousand (3,000) dollars to defray town debts and charges, and that it be paid into the treasury the same as last year.

12th. Voted, to raise forty-eight hundred (4,800) dollars for reading and writing schools.

13th. Proceeded to vote for Collector of Taxes, Isaac E. Day received sixty votes and Alec Fisher sixty votes; and there was no choice. On the second ballot Alec Fisher was elected, his compensation to be nine mills on the dollar; the bid of his opponent, Isaac E. Day, having been one cent on the dollar.

14th. In regard to Article 13, which was "To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same," the town voted to give such authority to the Town Treasurer.

15th. Voted to add the name of William M. Vose to the list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen. The list was then accepted as amended, and consists of the following names: Ham-

mett D. Wright, Daniel Atwood, Henry Chamberlin, Isaac W. Carkin, Napoleon B. Blood, Samuel L. Taylor, George W. Bussey, Horace E. Gould, Frank C. Drew, Charles E. Whidden, Frank L. Fletcher, Oscar Spaulding, Hugh Dailey, John H. Horan, Elbert E. Flagg, Isaac E. Day, Alvan Fisher, Ward A. Coburn, John Feeney, Wesley O. Hawkes, William M. Vose.

16th. Voted, to raise twenty-eight hundred (2,800) dollars to repair roads and bridges, and that it be expended in the same manner and by the same officers as last year.

17th. Chose the following persons Field Drivers: Sidney B. Wright, Alec McDougall, John Feeney, Charles A. Hamlin, Frank L. Fletcher, Alec Fisher, Wilbert E. Parsons.

18th. Voted, that the following persons be Weighers of Hay, Coal, etc.: J. M. Fletcher, Arthur Wright, A. J. Abbot, W. W. Johnson, N. H. Wright, J. A. Healy, E. A. Hamlin, Henry J. Healy, Daniel E. Atwood, S. A. Hamlin, Jacob Smith, G. W. Heywood, W. C. Edwards, J. W. Day, C. E. Whidden, A. F. Cameron, W. E. Parsons.

19th. Chose Wilbert E. Parsons Culler of Hoops and Staves.

20th. Voted, that the following persons be Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, etc.: C. L. Fletcher, Gilmer Stone, Jacob Smith, T. E. Symmes, C. E. Whidden, G. A. Perham, Thomas Drew, G. H. Prescott, E. A. Hamlin, W. W. Johnson, A. S. Reed, W. C. Edwards, J. A. Healy, F. H. Lewis, W. W. Wyman, W. E. Parsons, W. M. Vose, W. O. Hawkes, Hammett D. Wright.

21st. Voted, to dismiss the 17th Article.

22d. Voted, to raise and appropriate two hundred and fifty (250) dollars for the painting of school houses during the ensuing year, to be expended by, and at the discretion of the School Committee.

23d. Voted, to dismiss the 19th Article.

24th. Voted, to instruct the selectmen to mail, each year, before the annual town meeting, a copy of the Town Report, to every resident tax-payer.

25th. Voted, to have the report of the School Committee printed and bound with the report of the other Town Officers.

26th. Voted, to dismiss the 22d Article.

27th. Voted, to raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty (150) dollars, for the maintenance of an evening school at Graniteville during the next winter term.

28th. Voted, to approve the minutes of the meeting.

29th. Voted, to adjourn.

FREDERIC A. FISHER, *Moderator.*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

A true copy.

Attest: GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*



## State Election, November 4, 1890.

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Abstract of the record of the vote of the Town of Westford.

Whole number of ballots cast, - - - - - 354

GOVERNOR :

John Blackmer, of Springfield,	-	-	-	-	27
John Q. A. Brackett, of Arlington,	-	-	-	-	180
William E. Russell, of Cambridge,	-	-	-	-	129
Blanks, . - - - - -	-	-	-	-	18

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR :

John W. Corcoran, of Clinton,	-	-	-	-	128
William H. Haile, of Springfield,	-	-	-	-	196
George Kempton, of Sharon,	-	-	-	-	12
Blanks, - - - - -	-	-	-	-	18

SECRETARY :

George D. Crittenden, of Buckland,	-	-	-	-	13
Elbridge Cushman, of Lakeville,	-	-	-	-	127
William M. Olin, of Boston,	-	-	-	-	196
Blanks, - - - - -	-	-	-	-	18

TREASURER :

William H. Gleason, of Boston,	-	-	-	-	14
George A. Marden, of Lowell,	-	-	-	-	189
Edwin L. Munn, of Holyoke,	-	-	-	-	129
Blanks, - - - - -	-	-	-	-	22

AUDITOR :

Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield,	-	-	-	-	163
Augustus R. Smith, of Lee,	-	-	-	-	16
William D. T. Trefry, of Marblehead,	-	-	-	-	127
Blanks, - - - - -	-	-	-	-	48

ATTORNEY-GENERAL :

Wolcott Hamlin, of Amherst,	-	-	-	-	14
Elisha B. Maynard, of Springfield,	-	-	-	-	126
Albert E. Pillsbury, of Boston,	-	-	-	-	192
Blanks, - - - - -	-	-	-	-	22



## REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS :

Nathaniel A. Glidden, of Chelmsford,	-	-	-	12
Frederic T. Greenhalge, of Lowell,	-	-	-	196
Moses T. Stevens, of North Andover,	-	-	-	127
Blanks,	-	-	-	19

## COUNCILLOR :

George W. Heywood, of Westford,	-	-	-	153
George Pillsbury, of Tewksbury,	-	-	-	15
Byron Truell, of Lawrence,	-	-	-	168
Blanks,	-	-	-	18

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER :

Stephen B. Puffer, of Lowell,	-	-	-	117
J. Henry Read, of Westford,	-	-	-	203
Rufus K. Underhill, of Billerica,	-	-	-	14
Blanks,	-	-	-	20

## SENATOR :

Mark C. Felch, of Woburn,	-	-	-	131
Hiram Whitford, of Woburn,	-	-	-	15
Edwin F. Wyer, of Woburn,	-	-	-	185
Blanks,	-	-	-	23

## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT :

Parker J. Kemp, of Pepperell,	-	-	-	128
John W. Pierce, of Pepperell,	-	-	-	15
Samuel P. Williams, of Groton,	-	-	-	185
Blanks,	-	-	-	26

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION :

To prevent the disfranchisement of voters because of a change of residence within the Commonwealth: Yes, 129; No, 31.

Relative to soldiers and sailors exercising the right of franchise: Yes, 116; No, 25.

## Return of votes for representative in General Court for Middlesex District No. 31 :

	Dunstable.	Groton.	Pepperell.	Westford.	Total.
Parker J. Kemp of Pepperell,	47	160	204	128	539
John W. Pierce of Pepperell,	4	12	44	15	75
Samuel P. Williams of Groton,	36	159	154	185	534
Total,	87	331	402	328	1148
Kemp's plurality, 5.					

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## Special Town Meeting.

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held December 6, 1890, the following business was transacted :

- 1st. Voted to choose a Moderator by ballot.
- 2d. Voted not to use the check list during the election of Moderator.
- 3d. Chose J. Henry Read Moderator.
- 4th. Voted, to proceed to vote by ballot on the question of adopting the provisions of Chapter three hundred and eighty-six of the Acts of eighteen hundred and ninety.
- 5th. Voted, that the check list be used in taking the vote on the above question.
- 6th. Voted (89 to 10), to accept the provisions of Chapter three hundred and eighty-six of the Acts of eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled, " An Act to authorize the printing and distributing of ballots for town elections at the public expense."
- 7th. Voted, that three Overseers of the Poor be chosen by ballot for the term of one year.
- 8th. Voted, to accept the minutes of the meeting.
- 9th. Voted, to dissolve the meeting.

J. HENRY READ, *Moderator.*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

A true copy. Attest :

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors of the Town of Westford submit the following report :

Value of buildings exclusive of land, May 1, 1890....	\$500,689 00
Value of land exclusive of buildings, May 1, 1890....	377,633 00
Value of personal estate, May 1, 1890.....	201,531 00
	\$1,079,853 00

Amount raised for :

Town debts and charges.....	\$3,000 00
Schools .....	4,800 00
Evening school .....	150 00
Roads and bridges.....	2,800 00
Town library .....	150 00
Painting school houses.....	250 00
State tax.....	1,015 00
County tax.....	933 89
Overlayings .....	129 46
	\$13,228 35
Number of polls.....	567
houses .....	455
horses.....	400
cows.....	264
sheep .....	19
cattle other than cows.....	264
swine .....	82

Tax on one hundred dollars, \$1.12.

ASAPH B. CUTTER,

ISAAC E. DAY,

FRANK C. DREW,

*Assessors of Westford.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

WESTFORD, Feb. 23, 1891.

*To the Selectmen of Westford:*

GENTLEMEN — I have examined the accounts of Nahum H. Wright, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

The receipts and payments made by him during the year are as follows :

### RECEIPTS.

To balance cash on hand, February 24, 1890.....	\$1,983 43
To cash borrowed.....	3,000 00
From state corporation tax, 1889, balance .....	73
state corporation tax, 1890,.....	2,181 85
bank tax, 1890.....	785 39
soldiers' families, 1889.....	735 00
indigent soldiers, 1889 .....	277 00
school fund, 1889-90.....	169 76
armory rent, 1890 .....	175 00
county treasurer, 1890 .....	279 76
J. H. Wilson, janitor Town House.....	83 00
A. Fisher, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
J. S. Moulton, books sold and broken glass.....	12 26
I. E. Day, collector, 1888.....	971 35
" " " 1889.....	749 33
Alec Fisher, collector, 1890, before October 5 ....	9,346 46
" " " " " December 5...	1,459 21
" " " " after December 5...	435 18
Dividends on library fund .....	79 00
M. A. H. Evans, rent of Keyes' pond, 1890.....	20 00
Carrie E. Read, catalogues sold.....	12 25
M. F. Downs, note and interest .....	44 80
interest on taxes.....	30 00
Carrie E. Read, fines.....	1 87
William Reed, Graniteville school house.....	1,075 00
" " on insurance policy.....	27 78

\$23,937 41

## PAYMENTS.

By cash for notes and interest.....	\$3,030 04
state tax, 1890 .....	1,015 00
county tax,.....	933 89
overseers of the poor.....	2,125 44
orders for incidental expenses .....	7,035 63
on account of schools, 1890.....	5,192 04
on account of library, 1890.....	382 39
on hand.....	4,222 98
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	\$23,937 41

J. HENRY READ, *Auditor.*



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

#### TOWN TREASURER.

Nahum H. Wright, salary as town treasurer for the year ending March 1st, 1890.....	\$50 00	
Nahum H. Wright, time and expense making 4 trips to Lowell insuring town property,	6 00	
		\$56 00

#### TOWN CLERK.

Gilman J. Wright, salary .....	\$12 00	
Going to Groton to town clerks' meeting,	2 50	
Copying for town report.....	2 00	
Prepairing town records for re-binding..	2 00	
Express.....	3 45	
Postage and stationery .....	95	
Dog license blanks.....	1 00	
Dog posters.....	75	
Recording and making returns to Sec. of the Commonwealth of 39 births....	19 50	
Recording and making returns to Sec. of the Commonwealth of 20 marriages,	3 00	
Recording and making returns to Sec. of the Commonwealth of 20 deaths at 20 cents each.....	4 00	
20 deaths at 10 cents each .....	2 00	
		\$53 15

#### SELECTMEN.

G. T. Day, salary .....	\$5 00	
Making out monthly state aid book .....	6 00	
Making out 24 state aid returns under Chapts. 279 and 301, Acts of 1889..	6 00	
Making out town report.....	6 00	
Extra time as Selectman .....	35 00	
Car fare while attending to town business,	6 00	
		\$64 00
A. P. Richardson, salary.....	\$5 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	28 00	
		\$33 00
W. L. Kittredge salary.....	\$5 00	
Extra services as selectman.....	16 65	
		\$21 65

## ASSESSORS.

I. E. Day, 26 days' time taking invoice and making taxes .....	\$65 00	
I. E. Day, going to Lowell to consult counsel in regard to taxes.....	1 50	
A. B. Cutter, 22½ days' time taking invoice and making taxes .....	56 25	
Frank C. Drew, 20½ days' time taking invoice and making taxes .....	51 25	
	<hr/>	\$174 00

## TAX COLLECTORS.

Alec Fisher, collecting \$11,240.84 at 9 mills..	\$101 16	
Alec Fisher, postage.....	65	
I. E. Day, collecting \$1,441.67 at 1 per cent..	14 41	
	<hr/>	\$116 22

## CONSTABLES.

I. E. Day, posting warrants for three town meetings .....	\$12 00	
Collecting dog tax.....	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$22 50

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, TELLERS AND INSPECTORS OF ELECTIONS.

F. L. Fletcher, attending one meeting in 1889 and seven meetings in 1890 .....	\$16 00	
W. O. Hawkes, attending one meeting in 1889 and seven meetings in 1890.....	16 00	
Nelson L. Tuttle, attending one meeting in 1889 and seven meetings in 1890.....	16 00	
Gilman J. Wright, attending one meeting in 1889 and seven meetings in 1890.....	16 00	
Gilman J. Wright, services as clerk of the board,	7 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, services as inspector, 1889,	5 00	
S. H. Fletcher, services as inspector in 1889.	5 00	
Frank P. Hawkes, services as teller in 1891..	3 00	
Lewis C. Dane, services as teller in 1891 ....	3 00	
John M. Fletcher, services as deputy inspector 1889 and 1890 .....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$89 00

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. S. Moulton, supt. winter term, 1889-'90...	\$50 00	
Supt. spring term, 1890.....	50 00	
Supt. fall term, 1890.....	50 00	
Making school report .....	10 00	
Services as book and supply agent.....	8 00	
Making returns to the State .....	2 00	
Team for transporting books.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$172 00

ORDERS DRAWN BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

May, by order.....	\$571 15	
August, by order.....	659 52	
January, 1891, by order.....	522 45	
February, 1891, by order.....	368 08	
February, 1891, by order.....	4 24	
	<hr/>	\$2,125 44

EXPENSE OF THE TOWN LIBRARY, INCLUDING SER-  
VICES OF LIBRARIAN.

Paid Carrie E. Read, services as librarian from February 1, 1890, to February 1, 1891.....	\$75 00	
for extra labor.....	8 75	
Morning Mail Co., printing index for catalogue .....	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$86 00

TOWN HOUSE.

EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING AND CARE OF SAME.

Paid J. H. Wilson, services as janitor from February 1, 1890, to February 1, '91,	\$75 00	
for sawing $4\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood.....	6 75	
S. B. Wright, for $5\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood.....	27 50	
W. W. Johnson, for 20,785 lbs. broken coal, at \$5.90 per ton.....	61 32	
J. M. Fletcher, for 33 gallons kerosene oil .....	3 96	
Wright & Fletcher, for 100 gallons ker- osene oil.....	12 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for brooms, ammo- nia, paraffine, etc.....	8 34	
Wright & Fletcher, for matches, chim- neys, burners, etc.....	5 01	
H. H. Wilder & Co., labor and material for repairs on furnace 1889 and 1890,	18 82	
J. M. Fletcher, for one spring lock.....	1 00	
George Drew, for setting glass.....	1 25	
C. W. Whidden, for two barrels stove coal.....	2 85	
	<hr/>	\$223 80

## EXPENSE OF FIRE PROOF DOOR FOR TOWN SAFE.

Paid Damon Safe Co., for one set No. 5 doors,	\$120 00	
Damon Safe Co., for 15 pieces R. R. iron,	48 30	
W. W. Hendley, for labor.....	11 00	
W. C. Edwards, for labor and material..	4 39	
Boston & Maine R. R., for freight.....	2 36	
	<hr/>	\$186 05

## INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory, received from the state.....	\$175 00	
Received for rent of building.....	83 00	
	<hr/>	\$258 00

## PRINTING.

Paid Morning Mail Co :		
Five hundred and fifty School Reports..	\$30 20	
Six hundred Town Reports .....	65 10	
One hundred warrants .....	5 00	
Notices to dog owners.....	1 75	
Posters for sale of old school house at Graniteville.....	1 00	
Note heads, etc.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$107 05

## INSURANCE.

Paid Arthur Fenner, re-insuring Long-sought- for school house for \$1,000 for 5 years...	\$22 50	
	<hr/>	\$22 50

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Frank C. Drew, appraising and making schedule of property at town farm, 1890 .....	\$2 50	
Wm. M. Whitney, appraising property at town farm, 1890 .....	2 00	
C. R. P. Decatur, appraising property at town farm, 1890.....	2 00	
A. P. Richardson, attending 25 funerals with hearse .....	50 00	
Going to Lowell with hearse for re- pairs .....	1 50	
Going to Chelmsford twice after hearse and returning the same..	4 00	
Going to Lowell after hearse.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$63 50
Amount carried forward .....		\$63 50

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$63 50
Paid George F. Carkin, for damage to barge.	85 00
J. F. Smith, M. D., returning 25 births, 1890, under Chap. 158, Statutes of 1883 .....	6 25
J. F. Smith, M. D., examining insane person at Graniteville .....	1 50
J. W. Abbott, repairs on carriage dam- aged on highway.....	14 50
George Tyler & Co., for scraper plates..	16 50
Marshall & Hamblett, for legal services,	100 00
J. L. Moss, for cutting grass at East Cemetery.....	8 00
J. T. Colburn, for cutting grass at West Cemetery.....	6 50
Frederick Taylor, for one pair hand-cuffs,	4 50
Luthur W. Blodgett, for killing mad dog, estate of Mrs. Hurry, for one table for town house.....	1 00
J. A. Walkden, as per bill.....	3 00
S. M. Hutchins, for three hours' labor at East Cemetery .....	4 25
Berlin Iron Bridge Co., for one iron guide board.....	45
J. H. Read, auditor, for auditing ac- counts of Town Treasurer for 1888, 1889 and 1890.....	75
J. H. Read, auditing accounts of Select- men, 1890.....	6 00
J. H. Read, auditing accounts of Over- seers of the Poor for 1890.....	2 00
L. H. Wilkins, painting 25 guide boards,	2 00
L. H. Wilkins, making 5 guide boards..	12 50
L. H. Wilkins, repairing guide boards...	1 25
Wright & Fletcher, for paper, envelopes, postage, etc., furnished the several boards of town officers and library.	75
Wright & Fletcher, sundries as per bill.	21 43
Julian Wilkinson, guarding forest fire..	3 91
B. F. Nutting, work at North Cemetery,	1 50
Ephraim Reed, guarding forest fire.....	5 00
I. E. Day, killing mad dog.....	1 50
M. R. Warren, cash book for tax col- lector.....	1 00
American Express Co., express in 1889 and 1890.....	1 90
C. E. Whidden, freight, express, tele- phone and delivery charges.....	11 30
	10 55



# REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES, AND ARTICLES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

## CENTRE SCHOOL HOUSE—TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid A. E. & J. W. Moss, repairs on pump..	\$ 1 25	
A. E. & J. W. Moss, for stove pipe and labor.....	1 94	
A. E. & J. W. Moss, repairing stove linings .....	1 50	
A. E. & J. W. Moss, material and labor on stove.....	11 50	
Bartlett & Dow, for thermometer.....	35	
C. Zimmer, for keys.....	40	
George Drew, repairing locks, setting glass, etc.....	12 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for broom, etc.....	41	
Nathan Prescott, painting school house..	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$57 85

## STONY BROOK SCHOOL.

Paid George Drew, for repairs.....	\$4 00	
A. G. Polley, as per bill.....	1 00	
Adams & Co., two chairs.....	1 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for pail, broom, etc.	1 10	
	<hr/>	\$7 10

## FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOL HOUSE—TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid for lumber and labor building tree guards,	\$ 9 12	
Wright & Bemis, coal hod, shovel, etc..	3 00	
J. C. Butterfield, painting school house.	80 00	
George Drew, labor and lumber for ventilator.....	\$56 68	
A.L. Brooks, lumber for ventilator,	18 51	
W. E. Parsons, for labor.....	13 00	
J. C. Butterfield, for painting....	4 61	
Wright & Fletcher, for nails, screws, etc.....	2 16	
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	<hr/>	\$187 08

## NASHOBA SCHOOL.

Paid George Drew, for keys and locks.....	\$1 00	
Wright & Fletcher, one box crayons...	15	
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## PARKERVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for dust-pan, brooms, etc .....	\$0 80	
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## MINOT'S CORNER SCHOOL.

Paid George Drew, for repairs.....	\$2 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for pail.....	45	
	<hr/>	\$2 95

## NABNASSET SCHOOL.

Paid George Drew, for repairs.....	\$1 50	
	<hr/>	\$1 50

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR SCHOOL.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for broom... ..	\$0 35	
L. C. Dane, for repairs.....	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$4 85

## LYON SCHOOL.

Paid Wright & Bemis, for brooms, pail, etc..	\$1 30	
Daniel Casey, for digging and stoning well, 17 ft. ....	\$55 25	
furnishing covering stone....	5 00	
extra grading.....	1 50	
Abbot & Co., use of pumps.....	6 00	\$67 75
	<hr/>	\$69 05

## GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE—FOUR SCHOOLS.

Paid George Drew, for blind fastenings and labor.....	\$5 00	
Wright & Bemis, brooms, brushes, etc..	5 11	
four bracket lamps.....	4 00	
E. DeRoehn, extra labor.....	2 00	
Wright & Bemis, for paint stock.....	36 05	
J. C. Butterfield, labor painting school house.....	67 00	
Martin & Ianglely, one large furnace grate.....	1 40	
J. A. Haley, labor.....	2 50	
Wright & Bemis, brooms, etc.....	95	
	<hr/>	\$124 01

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Paid Carroll W. Clarke, report cards.....	\$ 2 00	
Lee & Shepard, for readers.....	15 89	
George S. Perry, ink, paper, pencils, etc.	38 72	
Harper Brothers, grammars, etc.....	10 53	
Harrison Hume, readers, etc.....	3 25	
George F. King & Merrill, pens, etc....	7 50	
Van Antwerp & Co., arithmetics.....	2 90	
D. C. Heath & Co., books.....	7 34	
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<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$88 13</i>	

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$88 13	
Paid Silver, Burdette & Co., spellers.....	2 40	
N. E. Agency, Harper's L'g.....	6 30	
J. B. Lippincott & Co., readers.....	7 80	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, readers....	6 41	
Boston School Supply Co., books, etc...	12 05	
American Book Co., spellers, etc.....	7 93	
Ginn & Co., arithmetics, etc.....	42 85	
Interstate Publishing Co., readers. ....	1 20	
Prang Educational Co., drawing blanks,	2 40	
Express on books.....	7 20	
Wright & Fletcher, crayons, pen hold-		
ers, ink, etc.....	2 61	
	<hr/>	\$187 28

## MILITARY AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

*As Authorized by Chap. 279, Acts of 1889.*

Paid January....	\$77 00	
February.....	74 00	
March.....	84 00	
April.....	50 00	
May.....	50 00	
June.....	42 00	
July.....	42 00	
August.....	42 00	
September .....	42 00	
October.....	36 00	
November.....	36 00	
December.....	36 00	
	<hr/>	\$611 00

## STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES.

*As Authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1889.*

Paid January.....	\$62 50	
February.....	62 50	
March.....	62 50	
April.....	62 50	
May.....	66 50	
June.....	66 50	
July.....	66 50	
August.....	60 50	
September.....	60 50	
October.....	68 50	
November.....	68 50	
December.....	68 50	
	<hr/>	\$776 00

## REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

In accordance with Chap. 98, Acts of 1889, the Selectmen reappointed Edward Prescott, Superintendent of Roads, and under his direction the following expenditures have been made :

Paid H. B. Ruiter, for 146 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work,		
Edgar Garland, for 163 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' work,	}	\$943 00
Mervin Steele, for 161 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' work,		
Thomas Moore, for 141 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' work....		212 62
John Martin, for 34 6-10 days' work....		51 90
C. Aiken, for 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' work.....		33 37
J. Wilkerson, for 150 days' work.....		238 25
E. Reed, for 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work.....		125 24
A. Haley, for 4 days' work.....		6 00
Joseph Keested, for 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' work.....		7 81
George Demar, for 1 days' work.....		1 50
James Barlow, for 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work.....		80 25
Niclas Keeras, for 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' work.....		22 12
Horses, for 707 days' work.....		707 00
Wm. Gorman, for work.....		12 80
Dennis Burke, for work.....		5 75
W. W. Vose, for work.....		7 50
C. R. Decatur, for gravel.....		12 50
Staples Bros., for drain pipe.....		18 90
Mary K. Fletcher, for gravel.....		50 00
H. E. Fletcher & Co., for work on roads,		34 50
B. F. Day, for gravel.....		2 00
I. E. & G. T. Day, for 640 loads gravel, used in repairing Hop Yard Swamp Road, during three years ending 1889.....		20 00
Freight bill.....		48
Drawing drain pipe.....		50
Expenses repairing bridges at Forge Village:		
Paid Wm. Reed, for stone.....	\$52 40	
Wm. Reckord, for labor.....	38 25	
6 days' work of road men.....	10 50	
Work of 4 horses one-half day..	2 00	
Cement, lime and freight.....	17 10	
		\$120 25
Edward Prescott, road commissioner...	72 50	
		<hr/> \$2,786 74

In addition to the above, the Selectmen have paid the following bills for repairs of Roads and Bridges.

Paid Wm. H. Decatur, for 3 hours' work with horse .....	\$0 90	
George Gurney, for 100 loads of gravel.	5 00	
John O'Brien, for 6 days and 3 hours' work, October, 1888.....	9 45	
C. G. Sargent's Sons, stock and labor replanking bridge at Sargent's dam..	42 34	
Freight and truckage for bridge.....	7 00	
C. R. P. Decatur, work of 2 men and horse, 1889.....	5 50	
Heywood & Fletcher, for gravel used in 1888, 1889 and 1890.....	62 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for shovels, powder and fuse, rake, pick handles, hoe, etc.	12 35	
A. S. Reed, repairing chains, etc., for road machine.....	2 25	
C. E. Whidden, work on Town Hill 6 hours .....	90	
C. E. Whidden, closing S. Cummings' road twice.....	80	
Boston & Lowell R. R., freight on drain pipe, rakes, etc.....	1 51	
	<hr/>	\$150 50

## BREAKING ROADS.

Paid W. W. Johnson, breaking roads in March, 1890.....	\$4 05	
W. W. Johnson, breaking roads in December, 1890.....	6 50	
J. A. Haley, March 3d, 1890, 2 men and team, 3 hours.....	1 65	
J. A. Haley, March 4th, 1890, man and team 5 hours.....	1 38	
J. A. Haley, March 7th, 1890, 2 men and team, 9 hours.....	2 48	
W. W. Johnson, January 26th, 1891...	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$21 06

## TAXES ORDERED AS ERRORS.

1890. Union Society.....	\$15 01	
Davis heirs.....	18	
John Feeney.....	1 32	
Daniel Gage.....	11 20	
Thomas Wing.....	84	
Alec Cameron.....	2 00	
M. A. Clough.....	03	
Mary A. Smith.....	6 30	
	<hr/>	\$36 88



## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1886. H. W. Church .....	\$2 00
1887. Frank Carrick.. .....	2 00
W. S. Lyman.....	3 87
Merrick Reed.....	6 40
1888. Harry Blodgett .....	2 00
Henry Blodgett.....	2 00
F. J. Blodgett .....	2 00
Abram Brown .....	3 89
H. E. Catchpole.....	2 00
John Campbell.....	2 00
Omer Cushing.....	2 00
Charles Crabb.....	2 00
W. W. Cummings.....	2 00
Heirs of Lot M. Esty .....	4 22
David Farrer.....	2 00
William Haley.....	2 00
E. J. Hammond.....	2 00
Joseph Johnson .....	2 00
Andrew Kelley.....	2 00
Francis Lowther .....	2 00
Peter Lord .....	2 00
James Mann.....	2 00
Patrick McCarty .....	2 00
M. J. McDonald.....	2 00
Walter McNorton, error.....	2 00
N. J. McGilvery.....	2 00
William McKinzie.....	2 00
James Murphy.....	2 00
Daniel O'Brien.....	2 00
Thomas O'Farrell.....	2 00
Patrick O'Toole.....	1 81
J. O. Perkins .....	2 00
Albert E. Prescott, error .....	2 00
John Parker.....	2 00
Merrick Reed.....	7 22
Charles Reed.....	2 00
T. C. Reed .....	2 00
George Reecy.....	2 00
Hugh Robinson.....	2 00
Daniel Sullivan.....	2 00
John Smith .....	2 00
John M. Smith.....	2 00
Mary A. Smith .....	6 30
William Tribe.....	2 00
1889. G. D. Atkinson.....	2 00
Andrew Boyle.....	2 00

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*Amount carried forward.....* \$111 71

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$111 71
1889 H. E. Catchpole.....	2 00
George Cannac.....	2 00
Charles Crabb.....	2 00
George Crabb.....	2 00
Heirs of Lot M. Esty.....	4 15
George Gilson.....	2 00
Frank A. Griffin.....	2 00
Samuel Hanlan.....	2 00
George A. Leland.....	2 50
Patrick McCarty.....	2 00
Alvan McClenna.....	2 00
Thomas McDonough.....	2 00
William McKenzie.....	2 00
Arthur E. Moss.....	2 00
A. B. Noyes, error.....	6 30
Cornelius O'Brien, Jr.....	2 00
John Parker.....	2 00
W. T. Reed.....	2 00
T. C. Reed.....	2 00
Charles A. Shehan.....	2 00
Cornelius Stewart.....	2 00
Patrick Sullivan.....	2 00
Fred Wayne.....	2 00
Benjamin Webster.....	2 00
John Binney.....	2 00
John York.....	2 00
A. B. Adams, error.....	94
1888. George W. Cummings.....	10 08
1889. George W. Cummings.....	31
Otis Adams.....	63
William Jones, error.....	2 00

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 \$184 62

# SUMMARY.

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	1890.	1889.	1888.	1887.	1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.
Town Officers.....	\$ 401 80	\$438 73	\$452 12	\$451 16	\$473 21	\$718 80	\$408 27	\$435 67	\$380 67	\$439 47
Tax Collector and Constables.	138 72	173 92	155 53	141 88	165 98	161 50	194 87	136 15	147 80	143 39
School Committee.....	172 00	170 00	223 00	122 50	171 75	167 85	211 50	112 50	172 50	166 33
Town Library .....	86 00	440 07	314 90	347 63	380 90	360 69	380 97	414 68	377 11	536 38
Town House and Safe Door ..	409 86	169 42	184 91	195 29	174 13	194 83	169 09	165 33	196 73	175 84
Printing.....	107 05	121 70	148 35	124 20	215 35	140 75	129 15	138 47	153 97	142 95
Insurance.....	22 50	284 75	220 43		365 00	285 00	30 00	97 75		183 00
School Houses.....	456 34	398 62	264 47	331 91	148 79	416 10	271 46	112 64	65 92	190 55
Incidental Expenses.....	398 29	433 48	617 84	445 68	619 08	519 62	591 08	774 84	493 46	508 27
State Aid.....	776 00	735 00	714 00	444 00	612 00	590 00	445 70	393 00	338 00	363 00
State Aid to Indigent Soldiers	611 00	574 00	526 00	721 00	509 00	534 00	461 00	467 00	514 00	387 40
Roads and Bridges.....	2,937 24	2,668 01	2,480 92	2,459 59	2,537 12	2,217 47	1,654 84	1,934 77	1,477 41	1,552 07
Breaking Roads.....	21 06		752 38	113 62		44 68	196 36	11 92	620 86	420 63
Overseers of Poor .....	2,125 44	2,300 50	1,783 49	1,576 72	1,994 50	2,185 24	1,954 40	2,058 68	2,029 76	2,147 94
Abatement of Taxes.....	184 62	87 06	75 25	72 68	75 54	90 54	90 56	140 00	10 21	266 54
Errors in Taxes .....	36 88	46 79	42 63	65 30	96 35	6 59	174 17			
School Books, etc.....	187 28	214 16	263 06	300 79	476 69	687 96	76 08			
No. 8 School House, etc.....						1,631 11				
Registration Board.....	89 00	81 60	47 50	49 00	35 50	33 00	94 70			
Guide Board.....						50 00				
State Aid Expenses.....		60 95		12 00	67 50					
Fire Inquest.....										
	\$9,161 07	\$9,398 16	\$9,266 78	\$7,945 15	\$9,114 74	\$11,035 73	\$13,863 09	\$8,427 16	\$8,319 56	

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE, } *Selectmen of Westford.*

Approved. J. HENRY READ, Auditor.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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WESTFORD, March 1, 1891.

The Selectmen submit the following statement, showing the financial condition of the Town, as taken from the Treasurer's books and other sources :

### RESOURCES.

Due for state aid to soldiers' families.....	\$ 776 00
Due for military aid to indigent soldiers.....	292 00
Taxes of 1888 remaining uncollected.....	726 75
Taxes of 1889 remaining uncollected.....	1,964 94
Taxes of 1890 remaining uncollected.....	1,465 98
Balance of cash in treasury date of auditor's report.....	4,222 98
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	\$9,448 65
Balance of school money unexpended.....	343 65
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Balance in favor of town.....	\$9,105 00

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*Selectmen of Westford.*

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending February 7, 1891:

## AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING FARMING TOOLS, BY APPRAISAL BY THE COMMITTEE.

February 9, 1890.....	\$3,813 80
February 7, 1891.....	3,383 70
Loss on personal property.....	\$430 10

## RECEIPTS.

Received for pigs .....	\$21 00
milk .....	762 72
hay .....	1 00
calves .....	21 25
potatoes .....	26 19
horse clipper plate.....	1 00
stone wagon.....	15 00
use of farming tools.....	6 00
keeping prisoner .....	50
work on roads .....	1,694 68
cranberries.....	23 25
eggs .....	27 38
wood.....	24 50
apples.....	47 40
potatoes.....	44 18
labor with team.....	19 00
two cows.....	50 00
two hogs.....	31 54
peas .....	3 75
fowls.....	7 29
stove.....	75
beef .....	6 64
pair of wheels.....	5 00
one cart.....	5 00
hide, tallow, etc.....	3 75
indigent soldiers.....	288 00
ham .....	1 04
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	\$3,137 81



## PAYMENTS.

Paid H. B. Ruiter, one years' salary.....	\$450 00
for paper.....	1 50
meat.....	124 73
butchering.....	4 50
repairing sleigh.....	4 00
labor.....	1,298 91
express bills.....	1 00
razor.....	1 00
sawdust.....	1 25
kettle.....	1 40
ice tongs.....	1 25
fruit trees.....	6 00
harness work.....	46 45
cows.....	112 00
groceries.....	459 08
things bought at auction.....	49 65
bush hook.....	1 25
agricultural tools and seeds.....	47 05
wheelwright work.....	19 10
coal.....	14 25
cutting corn.....	17 75
T. Carney.....	6 00
J. P. Green.....	3 40
cart.....	125 00
knives and forks.....	3 50
dry goods.....	17 40
turkeys.....	3 60
crockery.....	1 10
filing saws.....	1 25
medicine.....	11 11
milk pail.....	90
crackers.....	28 85
hardware.....	1 61
horse brush.....	75
paint.....	2 40
wagon cover.....	3 00
milk books.....	1 95
freight.....	2 53
fish.....	16 56
old windows.....	3 00
butter.....	45 96
lumber.....	90 95
currant bushes.....	3 00
grain and meal.....	865 98
mending tinware.....	4 17
hens.....	10 00

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*Amount carried forward.....* \$3,916 09

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$3,916 09
Paid for shovels.....	3 25
pigs.....	9 50
doctoring horse.....	5 20
garden seeds.....	15
shoes for inmates.....	5 45
blacksmith work.....	140 37
clothing for inmates.....	11 75
rope.....	50
curry comb, etc.....	90
axe.....	25
pasturing cow.....	6 50
car fare.....	56
hammer and drills.....	1 50
lantern.....	50
making cider.....	1 96
stove lining.....	75
powder.....	30
carpet, curtains, paper, etc.....	36 83
one ton fertilizer.....	33 00
one cask.....	1 25
soap.....	45
repairing mowing machine.....	5 50
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	\$4,182 51
Deduct income from the farm.....	\$3,137 81
Cash in H. B. Ruiter's hands.....	39 67
Expense of keeping 430 tramps.....	107 50
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	\$3,284 98
Leaves the cost of supporting the poor inside the almshouse.....	<hr/>
	\$897 53

#### COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Alvin Nutting.....	\$24 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Martha Wright.....	4 25
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. George A. Austin.....	19 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Wm. F. Peper's family.....	5 75
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Charles J. Searles' family.....	19 75
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$72 75

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$72 75
Paid W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Patrick O'Toole.....	25 85
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on C. LeBarron.....	18 65
Town of Groton, on account of Edward Holt and family.....	57 00
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Sarah J. Ingalls.....	54 50
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Wm. Petherick's family.....	31 50
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on W. W. Stiles.....	104 00
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Peter J. Ahern.....	7 50
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on T. Gorsos family.....	27 50
Hospital bills for Mary A. Quinn, Lettice B. Read, Rufus Keyes and Alden W. Woodward.....	580 82
Mrs. Coburn, for board of Martha Wright.....	15 00
Wright & Bemis, for goods furnished Mrs. R. Wilkerson.....	71 71
City of Cambridge, for goods furnished Varnum Fletcher.....	2 00
City of Lowell, for truant boys.....	89 80
City of Lowell, for Margaret Casey and daughter..	37 50
S. M. Hutchins, for digging grave for Austin children.....	1 75
J. W. Brooks, for coffin for Martha Wright.....	12 00
J. T. Colburn, for digging grave for M. Wright....	2 00
City of Lowell, for aid furnished Ella Curtis.....	1 00
City of Chelsea, for aid furnished Albert French... for care of W. W. Stiles.....	16 25
for aid for J. A. L. Patch.....	12 50
for aid furnished J. W. Raymond.....	24 00
J. W. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on W. McNaughton.....	15 00
for goods furnished Julian Wilkerson.....	22 50
Alec Fisher, for services as overseer of the poor... E. Prescott, for services as overseer of the poor... E. Prescott, for making out report to State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity.....	95 46
E. Prescott, for making out report to the town....	10 00
E. Prescott, for looking up settlement of Frederick Peckins.....	10 00
E. Prescott, for time spent in going to Boston to see about Catharine Callahan's case.....	2 00
E. Gould, for services as overseer of poor.....	5 00
	10 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$1,445 54

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$1,445 54
Received from the Town of Tyngsboro, on account of Sarah J. Ingalls and W. McNaughton .....	\$77 00
Received from Town of Ayer, on account of Alvin Nutting and G. A. Austin.....	44 75
Received from the state, on account of Telesfor Gorsos.....	13 50
Received from the City of Lowell, on account of Peter J. Ahern.....	7 50
Received for indigent soldier .....	25 00
Received from G. W. Howe, on account of C. LeBarron .....	18 65
Due from the state on account of the Gorsos family .....	9 50
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	\$195 90
Expense of the poor outside of the almshouse.....	\$1,249 64

## STATEMENT.

Cash in the hands of the master of the almshouse at last settlement.....	\$254 36
Cash drawn from the town treasurer.....	2,125 44
Loss on personal property.....	430 10
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	\$2,809 90
Cash in H. B. Ruiter's hands.....	\$39 67
Due from the state, on account of the Gorsos family.....	9 50
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	\$49 17
Cost of supporting the poor, exclusive of interest on the farm.....	\$2,760 73
Number receiving two meals and lodging.....	430
Number supported in the almshouse.....	7
Average number.....	5
Number receiving assistance outside of almshouse,	30

EDWARD PRESCOTT,  
EDWIN GOULD,  
ALEC FISHER,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

Approved. J. HENRY READ, *Auditor.*

# Appraisal of the Personal Property

AT THE ALMSHOUSE IN WESTFORD, MASS., FEB. 7, 1891.

6 horses.....	\$800 00	3 plows.....	\$30 00
12 cows.....	400 00	2 cultivators.....	6 00
1 bull.....	20 00	1 corn planter.....	12 00
9 harnesses.....	150 00	7 rakes.....	70
6 halters.....	5 00	6 chains.....	6 00
Curry combs and brushes.	2 00	7 iron bars.....	5 00
1 wolf robe.....	3 50	6 garden hoes.....	1 50
8 blankets.....	8 00	Picks and handles.....	5 00
4 feed bags.....	3 00	Stone tools.....	10 00
5 feed boxes.....	1 00	16 shovels.....	8 00
14 tons English hay.....	196 00	3 iron rakes.....	1 00
1½ tons straw.....	20 00	12 scythes and snathes..	8 00
31 tons ensilage.....	155 00	3 potato diggers.....	1 00
1 bag shorts.....	1 20	1 grind stone.....	3 00
1 bag oats.....	1 80	1 mowing machine.....	25 00
1 bag middlings.....	1 35	1 corn sheller.....	1 50
2 bags meal.....	2 70	3 bushels rye.....	2 40
1 bag feed.....	1 45	Fanning mill.....	3 00
2 bags cracked corn.....	2 80	5 ladders.....	3 00
2 sets of measures.....	2 00	2 tubs.....	50
2 flails.....	50	Apple picker.....	25
6 hay forks.....	1 75	Corn cutter.....	50
Meal bags.....	1 00	7 bushel baskets.....	2 00
Machine oil.....	40	Trowel.....	50
2 horse muzzles.....	1 50	Neck yokes and eveners..	17 00
Wrenches and hammers.	3 00	Ditching knife.....	1 00
1 ensilage cutter.....	40 00	Old iron.....	2 50
1 express wagon.....	25 00	34 fowls.....	17 00
1 milk wagon.....	20 00	3 shoats.....	40 00
1 sleigh.....	8 00	Beans.....	5 75
1 whip.....	15	Grub hoes.....	1 00
Ropes and pulleys.....	1 50	1 cow bell.....	50
1 feed cutter.....	1 00	1 bag phosphate.....	2 00
1 hay knife.....	50	Seed corn.....	1 00
Water trough.....	15 00	1 wagon jack.....	25
Bells.....	1 50	1 wagon pole.....	1 50
2 two-horse sleds.....	50 00	Lumber.....	19 00
1 one-horse sled.....	10 00	30 cords of wood.....	150 00
4 carts.....	250 00	Carpet.....	15 00
1 pung.....	5 00	Ice.....	20 00
1 hay wagon.....	35 00	7 manure forks.....	2 75
1 farm wagon.....	12 00	1 range.....	25 00
1 wheelbarrow.....	1 50	4 stoves.....	17 00
1 horse rake.....	20 00	10 beds, bedding, etc....	275 00
1 roller.....	6 00	6 tables.....	3 00
1 drag rake.....	50	1 extension table.....	5 00
1 stone drag.....	6 00	3 light stands.....	75



1 chamber set.....	\$10 00	Clothes dryer.....	\$ 1 00
1 cabinet chair.....	1 00	2 wash boilers.....	1 00
18 chairs.....	8 00	1 washing machine.....	1 00
1 bed pan.....	75	5 wash tubs.....	1 50
5 rocking chairs.....	1 50	Set of wood bowls.....	1 00
2 sieves.....	75	3 cranberry rakes.....	4 50
Window and door screens	8 00	Cheese press.....	1 00
6 looking glasses.....	3 00	Branding iron.....	1 50
Shovel and tongs.....	1 00	4 apple parers.....	1 00
Cradle.....	1 00	2 chests.....	1 00
1 caster.....	50	5 chests and drawers.....	4 00
1 dinner bell.....	50	2 saw-horses.....	1 00
1 steelyard.....	1 75	1 meat cutter.....	2 50
2 porcelain kettles.....	1 50	Clothes wringer.....	2 00
1 copper kettle.....	1 75	Ice tongs.....	1 25
2 chopping knives & tray.	1 25	5 axes.....	4 00
Stoneware.....	2 00	Carpenters tools.....	13 00
1½ dozen Mason cans.....	1 50	3 wood saws.....	2 00
3 brooms.....	50	Axle grease.....	30
2 mops.....	50	70 pounds lard.....	5 50
1 whitewash brush.....	1 50	8 tubs.....	40
Knives, forks and spoons	4 50	1 step ladder.....	1 00
Crockery.....	15 00	27 bars soap.....	1 00
Slop pail.....	30	Oil.....	50
Tinware.....	25 00	2 clocks.....	4 50
2 dozen candles.....	50	60 lbs. hams and shoul-	
$\frac{3}{8}$ barrel flour.....	5 00	ders.....	7 00
Spices and box.....	2 00	20 pounds butter.....	5 00
1½ pounds tea.....	75	10 pounds resin.....	25
1 pound coffee.....	30	8 pounds sausage.....	65
1 pound soda.....	05	4 lbs. evaporated apples..	80
$\frac{1}{4}$ pound cream of tartar.	20	$\frac{1}{4}$ ton coal.....	3 00
Extracts.....	1 00	400 pounds pork.....	32 00
25 lbs. granulated sugar..	1 85	25 gallons pickles.....	12 50
2 pounds raisins.....	25	60 bushels potatoes.....	60 00
7 candle sticks.....	75	Beets and turnips.....	2 00
Candle moulds.....	1 50	24 empty cider barrels...	5 00
2 water pails.....	40	58 jars preserves.....	14 50
8 lamps.....	2 50	Onions.....	50
7 flatirons.....	1 75	20 flour barrels.....	2 00
Table linen and towels...	5 00	2 traps.....	50
Injection pipe.....	1 50	Glassware.....	3 75
3 padlocks and chains...	2 00	1 churn.....	1 50
3 lanterns.....	2 00		
2 clothes baskets.....	75		
3 clothes lines.....	75		

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\$3,383 70

WILLIAM M. WHITNEY,  
FRANK C. DREW,  
C. R. P. DECATUR,

*Appraisers of Property.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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WESTFORD, Mass., February 23, 1891.

GENTLEMEN—I hereby certify that I have made a full and thorough inspection of the accounts of the Town Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor and Selectmen, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. HENRY READ, *Auditor.*

TO MESSRS GEORGE T. DAY,

A. P. RICHARDSON,

W. L. KITTREDGE,

*Selectmen of Westford.*

## LIST OF JURORS, 1891.

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The following names will be reported at the annual March meeting, to be placed in the Jury Box, subject to revision by the town :

HAMMETT D. WRIGHT,  
DANIEL ATWOOD,  
HENRY CHAMBERLIN,  
ISAAC W. CARKIN,  
NAPOLEON B. BLOOD,  
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,  
GEORGE W. BUSSEY,  
HORACE E. GOULD,  
FRANK C. DREW,  
CHARLES E. WHIDDEN,  
QUINCY H. DAY,  
ALBERT S. REED,

FRANK L. FLETCHER,  
OSCAR R. SPAULDING,  
HUGH DAILEY,  
JAMES H. O'BRIEN,  
ELBERT E. FLAGG,  
ISAAC E. DAY,  
ALVAN FISHER,  
WILBERT E. PARSONS,  
CHARLES M. GRIFFIN,  
WESLEY O. HAWKES,  
CHARLES A. HAMLIN.

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*

WESTFORD, Mass., February 24, 1891.

## Warrant For Town Meeting, March 16, 1891.

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*Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

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MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To ISAAC E. DAY, one of the Constables of the Town of  
Westford, in said County, GREETING :*

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth, aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the sixteenth day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at 9 o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at 9 o'clock A. M., and closed at 1 o'clock, P. M. And they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit :

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2nd. To hear the Report of Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 3rd. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, or act in relation to the same.
- 4th. To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the Report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the Report of the Trustees of the Town Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk for one year, three Selectmen for one year, three Overseers of the Poor for one

year, three Assessors for one year, Town Treasurer for one year, two School Committee for three years, one Trustee of the Town Library for three years, six Constables for one year, an Auditor for one year, and a Collector of Taxes for one year; also to vote on the following question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot.

- 9th. To raise money to defray Town debts and charges, and direct how the same shall be paid into the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To raise money for Reading and Writing Schools.
- 11th. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.
- 13th. To raise money to Repair Roads and Bridges, and direct by whom, and in what manner the same shall be expended.
- 14th. To choose all other Town officers, necessary to be chosen, by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.
- 15th. To see if the Town will vote to raise one hundred and fifty dollars for an Evening School at Graniteville, or act in relation to the same.
- 16th. To see if the Town will build a fence at the Nashoba School House (No. 4), or act in relation to the same.
- 17th. To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of Sec. 29, Chapt. 36, of the Public Statutes, or act in relation thereto.
- 18th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation for the Inspectors and Deputy Inspectors, in accordance with Sec. 78, Chapt. 423, of the Acts of 1890, or act in relation thereto.
- 19th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation for the Tax Collector, or act in relation thereto.
- 20th. To see if the Town will vote to have the Selectmen hereafter appoint annually three Appraisers to take an appraisal of the property at the Almshouse, at the close of the fiscal year, or act in relation to the same.
- 21st. To see if the Town will vote to limit the number of Constables to two, to be elected by ballot, or act in relation to the same.
- 22nd. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 64 to 73 inclusive, Chapter 27, of the Public Statutes, or act in relation to the same.



23rd. By the request of Mary A. Putnam, of Bedford, to see if the Town will accept of the sum of one hundred dollars, as a fund, and allow interest on the same, the income to be expended in the care of the burial lots, in the North Burying Ground, so called, which are enclosed by a granite curbing and in which the Smith family are buried.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

*Given under our hands and seals, this twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-one.*

GEORGE T. DAY,  
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,  
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*

LIBRARY REPORT.

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In compliance with statutory requirement (Chap. 304, Sec. 6, Acts of 1888), the Trustees of the Westford Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 21, 1891 :

The selection of books for the library has been the most important duty of the Trustees during the past year ; and in this matter, the wise policy of the past has been adhered to. While good heed has been given to the expressed wishes of citizens, the wants of the library itself have not been disregarded. Books that should be read, as well as those that are read, have been carefully selected ; and the library, in all its classes, has thus been made better as well as larger. In former reports the value of the library as a means of education has been justly dwelt upon ; and it is believed that its resources in this direction have been greatly increased during the past year.

The percentage of books read from the several classes, as reported by the librarian, indicates, however, that a large majority of our readers have sought recreation rather than instruction. And the library would indeed be unworthy of the generous support it receives if it did not amply provide light and entertaining reading matter for young and old. It may well be doubted whether it had any more important function than that of providing recreation for those whose lives are burdened with hard labor and heavy cares.

While it is no part of the duty of the Trustees to give advice as to what should be read, and while they do not presume to criticise the tastes of readers, it may be permitted them to suggest to parents the desirability of wisely controlling the use made of the library by their children. In every class there are wholesome and interesting books adapted to youthful readers. If guided only by their own undeveloped tastes, they are in danger of reading only that which affords excitement or diversion. It is undoubtedly better for them to read poor books than to read nothing; but why not read, and re-read the best? It is believed that many young readers would derive as much real enjoyment from the library, and vastly more benefit, if they were encouraged to spend a part of their leisure in reading suitable works of history, biography and science. They may not be aware that the true stories are as entertaining as the fictitious ones; that the heroes and heroines who have actually lived on earth are not less attractive than the morbid creations of many novelists; or that the authentic records of science, travel and discovery abound in wonders and adventures more startling, if less grotesque, than imaginary moose-hunts or impossible expeditions to the moon. The masterpieces of fiction may well be read, and re-read, for they embody in the finest literary form noble ideals of character and action; but the library provides ample means not only for the amusement but also for the self-instruction and the rational self-culture of the young. It may be so used as to remedy or supplement deficiencies in school training, and thus supply in part the benefits which in cities are derived from evening schools. It is not the fault of the library if any of our youth have spent their precious leisure in reading only that which is light, trashy or fictitious, and

then begun the serious struggle of life with minds scantily stored and poorly developed. The liberality of the town has supplied the books which are essential conditions of knowledge and power; the use made of them is necessarily left for the people to determine. Only let it be remembered that the habit of reading good books in leisure hours must be formed in childhood, if formed at all. Surely it is wise for parents to encourage a habit which is a guarantee of honorable and intelligent citizenship, and a pledge of a useful and successful career.

The need of ampler accommodations for the library becomes more and more apparent as the number of books increases. In order to make convenient room for recent additions, two new cases of shelves have been made. But the time is fast approaching when the library will have completely outgrown the room in which it is now kept. Wealthy sons of Acton, Concord, Littleton and other sister towns have conferred a perpetual benefit upon those communities—and secured for themselves the grateful remembrance of future ages—by giving fine library buildings to the towns in which their boyhood was spent. Unless some philanthropic son of Westford in like manner associates his name for all time with a cherished local institution of his birthplace, the people of the town must soon provide the building which their own convenience and the importance of the library require.

The catalogue issued last year, with its excellent arrangement and extended classification, proves to be a most helpful guide to the treasures of the library. About sixty copies of it are now in use.

In behalf of the town the Trustees gratefully acknowledge the gift to the library of the following



books: Historical Sketch of the Lawrence Family, by Dr. R. M. Lawrence; Town Report of 1840, and Report of New Hampshire State Board of Health, by Dr. W. J. Sleeper; twenty-two volumes Massachusetts Documents, twenty-seven volumes United States Documents, and History of the Rice Family, by Mrs. Luther Prescott; History of Utah, by H. H. Bancroft; Granite Monthly for 1888-89, by J. M. Fletcher, Esq.; "West Shore" for 1890, by W. H. Corbett; Unitarian Review, by the American Unitarian Association.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance from last year.....	\$3 07	
Income from Stone Fund.....	40 00	
Income from Fletcher Fund.....	40 00	
Town appropriation .....	150 00	
From dog tax.....	150 00	
Fines .....	7 55	
	<hr/>	\$390 62

### EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	\$369 19	
Manila paper .....	4 80	
Account book.....	1 45	
Librarian's supplies.....	1 02	
Freight and express bills.....	6 95	
	<hr/>	\$383 41
Balance unexpended.....		7 21
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		\$390 62

The full income of the Stone and Fletcher Funds has been available for the purchase of books during the past year. The wise liberality of the Selectmen in allowing a larger share of the dog tax than usual for this purpose, will be appreciated.



## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Number of books purchased.....	312
Public Documents from the State.....	18
Public Documents from the United States.....	7
Volumes presented.....	53
Whole number added during the year .....	390
Whole number of books in the library.....	6,474
Number purchased to replace worn out copies.....	13
Number of pamphlets added during the year .....	41
Number of books issued .....	8,194
Number of books discarded .....	1
Number of books lost.....	1

We recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of books during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM E. FROST,

KATE S. HAMLIN,

NETTIE M. STEVENS,

*Trustees of Westford Public Library.*

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1890-91.**

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# REPORT.

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## *Fellow Citizens and Friends:*

The following report of the condition of our public schools for the year ending March 1st, 1891, is most respectfully submitted :

Number of school-houses, - - - - -	10
Number of school-rooms (all occupied), - - -	15
Number of sittings (about), - - - - -	525
Number of terms in school year, - - - - -	3
Number of day's sessions (each school except Nos. 1 and 3), - - - - -	180
Total number of day's sessions, - - - - -	2675
Number of children enumerated by assessors, May, 1890, - - - - -	335
Number of different pupils registered, - - -	430
Average membership for the year, - - - - -	317.72
Average attendance for the year, - - - - -	284.41
Per cent. of attendance based on membership, -	90
Number of pupils over 15 years of age, - - -	7
Number of pupils under 5 five years of age, -	4
Number of different teachers employed during the year, - - - - -	21
Number of tardinesses, - - - - -	595
Average number of days lost by absence (per pupil), - - - - -	22
Average number of days lost by all schools (see table, Appendix A), - - - - -	620
Number of visits by superintendent, - - - -	185
Visits by other members of the committee, - -	6

The above statistics refer to the day schools.

The following show the facts in regard to the evening schools at Graniteville :

Number of pupils enrolled, - - - - -	68
Number of sessions, - - - - -	36
Average attendance per session, - - - - -	48
Number of teachers employed, - - - - -	2
Average cost per pupil, - - - - -	\$2.09
Average cost per session, - - - - -	.06

A detailed account of the cost of the evening schools will be found in another place.

From a study of the statistics given above several facts will appear. It will be seen that in the last three years there has been a considerable falling off in the number of children of school age reported by the assessors, and that we have a correspondingly smaller number of pupils in our schools. (See Reports for 1887-88.)

This is probably explained by the fact that many who, a few years ago, were in our schools have now become of that age when "necessity is laid on them" to do for themselves and they have passed out of the school-room to take their places among the world's wage-earners, while new-comers have not yet supplied the vacancies. In some sections of the town where a few years ago we had schools of twenty-five or thirty pupils we have now scarcely half that number; and the tendency seems likely to be downward for some time, unless there shall come a revival of "ye ancienne custom" of large families or a new influx of population.

The above table also shows that our children have not had as many days' schooling as they should have had or as it was the intention of the committee to give them. This is owing to several causes — chiefly sickness and the fact that our schools were closed one week sooner than was intended in order that the vote of the town might be carried out and this report appear with the reports of other town officers. It will appear, too, that of the whole number of days' sessions (2675) a large number (620) were lost by non-attendance; also that instances of tardiness were numerous. Here again



the sufficient reason is, probably, sickness, colds, bad weather, and, perhaps in a few instances, indifference.

Of course with all these obstacles against them, not all schools have made the progress desirable. Some have done excellent work ; others, especially unfortunate, through sickness and frequent necessary changes of teacher, have not succeeded so well. But there has been no failure of interest or of endeavor. All who have been in any way connected with our schools have faithfully tried to do their best, and the work has, perhaps, been *as good as could be expected under the circumstances*. Especially should a word be said in commendation of those teachers who began their work during the year and who have had to meet the trials of a first experience. They have brought to their work great fidelity and an earnest desire for success, and their endeavors have generally been crowned with success. Two teachers, not strangers to their work but strangers to our town, have been employed, but with much satisfaction. Both declined to return on account of low wages.

#### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Early in the fall, by invitation of your committee, a local Teachers' Institute was held in Graniteville, with the following programme.

- 9.00 A. M. Opening exercises.
- 9.10 A. M. Duties of Teachers, Sec. J. W. Dickinson.
- 10.05 A. M. Arithmetic, - Agent Geo. A. Walton.
- 10.55 A. M. Geography, - - Mr. F. F. Murdock.
- 11.45 A. M. History, - - Agent Geo. H. Martin.
- 12.30 P. M. Recess for collation.
- 1.30 P. M. Physiology and Hygiene, - Mr. Murdock.
- 2.30 P. M. Reading with Class, Supt. I. Freeman Hall.
- 3.30 P. M. Drawing, - - Agent Henry T. Bailey.

Teachers and school officers from three other towns were invited, about sixty being in attendance. This was a most interesting meeting and decidedly beneficial to our teachers. Besides the superintendent, one busy member of

your committee gave his entire day to the "Institute," and was so clearly impressed with its value that he said "We ought to have a meeting like that every year." That is true. It would greatly advantage our schools if we could do this. To hear the principles underlying their work explained—to see the best methods illustrated—is what our teachers need. They are quick to take suggestions. Why can we not have such meetings oftener? The thanks of the committee and of the town are due to the people of Graniteville (several of whom were present at the "Institute") for their willing and abundant hospitality.

#### SCHOOL WORK AND METHODS.

The work of our schools is not characterized by great variety from year to year. It has differed in no essential respects from the work of former years; neither have the methods employed. Monthly examinations have been given by the teachers, and in addition to this the superintendent has frequently given either oral or written examinations.

The endeavor has been to base our work upon recognized educational principles so far as these are understood. But as to the method of *applying* these *principles* it should be understood that we have no *cut* and *dried method* which each teacher is compelled to follow. On the contrary, each teacher is allowed large individual liberty. She is expected to understand clearly what she wishes to accomplish and why, and then to reach the given end in the *best way possible to her under the conditions and circumstances which are hers*. Teachers are supplied with a course of study—now needing revision—and are expected to accomplish certain results each year. But the only requirement of the committee is that they "*get there*," in whatever way or by whatever method may seem best; always keeping in mind, however, certain general principles, which have, perhaps, been sufficiently explained in two previous reports. In fact the methods employed in our schools differ considerably—each teacher following largely her own way, and there is no

desire or effort to cramp teachers or limit individuality. Our rule is rather in essentials, unity and uniformity in details, variety and individuality. We know no better way.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S WORK.

The superintendent has made something more than one hundred and eighty visits to the schools, and has tried to keep watch of their progress. He has, as stated, given frequent test-work in arithmetic, language and geography. These tests are not given to see how difficult work the pupil can do. On the contrary, they are generally easier than the work done day by day with the teacher. But the form of a question may be different from the book form or the teacher's form, and thus the child's ability to think is measured, the ruts are avoided, and greater independence secured. In this way, too, the superintendent discovers which schools are keeping up to the required standard and which are falling below it. This work should be continued, and, if possible, given more frequently. It helps both pupils and teachers.

The superintendent is glad to say that, in most instances, the results of the test-work were satisfactory—in some cases eminently so. Two or three schools gave an average of ninety per cent. or more of correct answers. The monthly examinations and reports to the parents are helpful, also, we think, in keeping a closer connection between the school and the home.

#### SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The school property is in as good condition as can be expected. Janitors have exercised care and school-carpenter Drew looks after such details as he is notified of by the committee or teachers, who are instructed to inform him when little matters demand attention. It is the policy of the committee to prevent waste, when possible, by remembering the "stitch in time."

It will be remembered that the town raised \$250.00 to paint school-houses. With this money the school-buildings at

Graniteville, Forge Village, and Westford Center were repainted at an expense of \$211.05. Some others may need painting the coming year. Some of the books have been in use for a long time and will have to be replaced by new ones, but most teachers and pupils have exercised care in the use of books and few have been needlessly injured.

In one school, however—that at Minot's Corner—injury was done. The school-house was entered several times and books to the value of four to five dollars were destroyed or mutilated in such a manner as to be practically worthless, and notes of an offensive character were left about the room. The matter created considerable excitement and was brought to the attention of the committee by the people of that section who were anxious to preserve the good name of their school and neighborhood. As soon as the matter became known to the committee measures were taken to ascertain who the perpetrators were, if possible. But, as the nuisance ceased, these measures were not pressed, although vigilance has not ceased. It is to be hoped for the good name of our town that there may be no recurrence of the trouble. It is an unmanly spirit which resorts to such acts.

#### FLAGS FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

During the year past several of our schools caught the enthusiasm of other places and, through the efforts of teachers and the liberality of citizens, four of our school buildings—viz.: that at the Centre, Graniteville, Stony Brook and Minot's Corner—were adorned with beautiful flags and suitable staffs. This is a movement the committee are glad to commend. It is quite in harmony with the desire of the Commonwealth and the purpose of our public school system, which is not only to give mental training, to make scholars, but also to develop loyal, law-abiding citizens of our great republic. The state desires to foster the sentiment of patriotism. It now requires the session of school preceding Memorial Day to be set apart for exercises of a commemo-



rative or patriotic nature. The raising of flags on school buildings is another step in the same direction.

There is deep significance in the efforts made to interest children in the flag and that which the flag represents. Our children should be taught that they owe something to the government under which they live. They should be imbued with the feeling that our institutions are worthy of their highest regard. They should realize that the blessings which they enjoy have been obtained at the cost of great sacrifice, of which our flag is the symbol. Nowhere can this be taught better than in the public school. This is an institution — the most democratic in existence — designed for the benefit of every child irrespective of condition. Here, the children of rich and poor, of native born and foreign born, sit side by side and have equal advantages. In our Commonwealth not only are buildings, teachers and books furnished free of expense to every pupil, but the law requires that all children of a certain age shall receive a certain amount of schooling; and our Commonwealth this part of a larger whole in which the same is largely true. In all parts of our nation *some* provision is made for public education. And all this is done that the life of our nation may be protected; that we may have a population intelligent and loyal, loving the spirit and genius of our republican institutions.

Surely then it is fitting that in the schools our children should be early taught to appreciate their privileges and to respect the symbol of a nation which makes such generous provision for the education of all. The banner floating above the school-house or adorning the school-room walls, will help do this. A knowledge of its story will advance the study of history; an understanding of what it has cost in sacrifice and suffering will tend to develop the love of country, and to promote respect for those who risked their lives in its defense. The flag, then, is a symbol which has a place in every school. May the time come when each school shall have one.



## VENTILATION.

The attention of the people of this state has been especially called, of late, to the subject of school sanitation and ventilation. In accordance with the provisions of the law (Secs. 1 and 2, Chap. 149, Acts 1888), state inspectors have examined into the condition of school buildings in all parts of the Commonwealth, with special reference to ventilation, and have made their reports to the proper authorities. The subject has been much discussed throughout the state. We will not enter upon it save to say that in February, 1890, the following communication was received from the State :

[Form No. 18.]

IN THE SERVICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

## DISTRICT POLICE.

DEPARTMENT OF  
INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS. }  
OFFICE, COMMONWEALTH BUILDING.

BOSTON, Feb. 20, 1890. }

*To A. R. Choate, School Committee of Westford:*

SIR:—In compliance with the provisions of the Statutes of the Commonwealth relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings, on the 18th day of February, 1890, I inspected the District No. 3, Forge Village School, in Westford, and you are hereby notified that there should be better means of ventilation in said building.

Properly arranged ducts or flues should be provided of suitable size to carry off the vitiated air, and heat or mechanical power should be applied to secure a sufficient and uniform draught in said flues. Changes should also be made in the method of heating, by which the rooms will be supplied with pure, warm air, not overheated.

JOHN T. WHITE,

*Inspector of Factories and Public Buildings.*

Approved. RUFUS R. WADE, *Chief Inspector.*

As the need of better ventilation at this school was very evident and the attention of the town had been called to this fact in the last report of the committee, and especially as at that time there was no appeal from this verdict of the superior

power, and one duty only was clear, it did not seem wise to disregard the above communication.

Accordingly, Inspector White was invited to meet the school committee at Forge Village, explain to them what was needed and suggest plans. He did so. And, after investigating several systems and learning something of the experience of other towns, a contract was awarded to the Middlesex Machine Company, of Lowell, to put in a system of heating and ventilating which was being introduced into Lowell schools and those of other places, the expense to be five hundred sixty-four (564) dollars, exclusive of carpenter work, "everything except the furnace to be put in before September 1st," (1890), "and that not later than the first Saturday in September,"—the company guaranteeing to make the work satisfactory to the state officials. It was believed that this system would be, on the whole, the cheapest and most satisfactory.

Accordingly, work was begun and the appliances were *slowly* put in order; and just now, after what *seems like a series of experiments* the company has succeeded in effecting an arrangement by which both rooms are well heated; and, with changes which have been quite recently made, the company are confident that the system will work with satisfaction and will soon be accepted. This is the most your committee can report. It remains to be seen whether the system will do the work expected of it.

The subject of ventilation is not a popular one, especially in country towns where it is often said, though unwisely: "There is no need of ventilation; the pure air will get in; the difficulty is, not to *get air* but to *keep warm*." This is in part true. *The pure air will get in* but the *bad air* will not *get out*; and ventilation consists in effecting such a change as will remove the foul (vitiating) air.

Still it must be confessed that there is force in the objections made and that public sentiment is not ripe for many changes, especially for such sweeping changes as have in some instances been demanded.

A law requiring a certain number of cubic feet of fresh air to be supplied to a school-room each hour may be an unwise law for country towns, at least. Certainly its requirements will not be made generally applicable till there is a stronger feeling for their necessity. Still such *is* the law, and neither state officials nor town authorities have any right to disregard it and yet claim to be law-abiding citizens. Probably the better way is to labor to effect such a modification of the law as shall allow discrimination and be more just to the smaller towns. One difficulty with the whole matter is that nobody seems to know just what to do to remedy defects and do away with evils which are acknowledged. And so long as "Doctors disagree" the public cannot be expected to become very enthusiastic.

#### EVENING SCHOOLS.

It will be remembered that one year ago the town generously granted \$150 for the purpose of an evening school at Graniteville. With that money the committee have maintained an evening school for twelve weeks, the statistics concerning which will be found elsewhere (see tables). Two rooms have been occupied and two teachers employed. The instruction has been confined to reading, writing, arithmetic and a little language work.

Considerable interest has been manifested and commendable progress made by those who have attended regularly. The teachers of this school report as follows: "The school has *been well attended*. The desire for knowledge shown by the majority of the pupils has been highly gratifying. Mr. A. R. Choate has taken a lively interest in the school, and much of its success is due to his efforts in its behalf."

The superintendent bears witness to the excellent order of these schools; they were the stillest schools he visited. Those present were evidently there for work and nothing else; and, as the teachers said, it was a pleasure to help them they were so anxious to help themselves. It is believed

by the committee that the value of these schools amply justifies the expense, and they most respectfully ask that the same amount (\$150) be appropriated for this purpose the ensuing year.

#### COST AND NEEDS.

The cost of our schools has been about the same this year as last. A detailed account of expenses will be found in another place. It will appear that we have a small balance in the treasury. This is not because more money was appropriated than was needed, but because all our schools were closed one week sooner than was intended, and also because one school lost several weeks through illness of teachers.

Your committee would respectfully ask that the same appropriation be made for the coming year as for the last year, viz., \$4,800.

What we said last year as to the needs of our schools is still true. We will not repeat it. This coming year it will be necessary to purchase more books than usual, perhaps, as many are worn out and must be replaced. We advise that some books be changed; but that is a matter for the committee to decide.

Your committee are grateful for any intelligent criticism as well as for any expressions of confidence, and they ask the support of the people only so far as they try to do their best and to act for the interests of the town and the schools, according to their judgment.

A word should be said concerning the services of the retiring chairman of the board. For six years Mr. Fisher has served in that capacity—rarely being absent from a meeting of the board—and by his justice, impartiality, sound judgment and fairness of mind, has rendered most efficient service. It is with regret the other members of the committee learn of his decision not to remain in his place, for which he was the right man.



## REPORT OF SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

**Centre Schools.**

The primary department has been under the care of Miss Meta J. Fiske for the year. Her work was spoken of last year. It has been generally satisfactory.

The higher department has suffered from multiplicity of teachers and frequent interruptions. Miss Clara Fisher was elected teacher for the year. But when the time to open schools came Miss Fisher was unable to begin, and the school was entrusted to Mr. Henry L. McClusky, whose work gave satisfaction. The fall term was begun by Miss Fisher, who was, however, soon obliged to give it up, and the term was completed by Mr. Lester F. Smith, who also did good work. The winter term was begun by Lila C. Fisher, but after eight weeks Miss Fisher was taken ill and the school was closed for the remainder of the term. Thus some three weeks time was lost to the school and so many changes impaired its value. Enrollment, primary department, 42; grammar department, 14. Average attendance for year, primary department, 25; grammar department, 15.91.

**Stony Brook School.**

The spring and fall terms of this school were taught by Miss Georgie Dalrymple with her usual success. At the close of the fall term Miss Dalrymple resigned, and Miss M. C. Patten was engaged to teach the winter term. Miss Patten proved to be a capable, energetic teacher, who understood her work, and under her care the school improved in many ways. Enrollment, 31. Average attendance for year, 22.31.

**Forge Village Schools.**

These schools have had the same teachers as in former years, Miss Grace Lawrence and Mrs. Hannah Wyeth. Previous reports speak sufficiently of them. Enrollment, primary, 61; grammar, 36. Average attendance, primary, 34.93; grammar, 27.01.

**Nashoba School.**

Clara A. Smith, teacher for the year. Enrollment, 27. Average attendance, 17.7. Miss Smith has been employed in our schools so long that her work is well known.

**Parkerville School.**

Flora A. Whitcomb has taught this school for the year, and has been faithful. This school is small and drags a little. Brighten up, children, and work fast. Enrollment, 17. Average attendance, 9.88.



**Minot's Corner School.**

Lila C. Fisher taught the spring and fall terms with satisfaction. She then resigned and Miss Mabel Drew, a graduate of Bridgewater Normal School, took her place. Miss Drew's work is good. School small. Enrollment, 18. Average attendance 13.53.

**Nabnasset School.**

Enrolled, 23. Average attendance for year, 13.60. This school is still fortunate enough to retain Miss L. A. Winship. Work excellent.

**Long-Sought-For School.**

The spring term was taught by a teacher who had been connected with the school for some years and was much beloved, Mrs. Annie Hildreth. Mrs. Hildreth was one of our most successful teachers and her death was a great loss to our schools. Her pupils will long cherish the memory of her painstaking fidelity. Her place was taken in the fall by Miss Mabel Drew, who was succeeded in the winter by Miss Rena Prescott. Enrollment, 14. Average attendance for year, 11.69.

**Lyon School.**

Josephene Dane, teacher for the year. This school is small, but the pupils made some progress. Enrollment, 11. Average attendance, 9.09.

**Graniteville Schools.**

The same teachers have been retained here as last year and for several years, C. E. Hewitt, Issie A. Parker, Dora B. Sargent and Annie Wilson. All these ladies have been spoken of in other reports. No other words are needed. Enrollment: primary A, 48; primary B, 29; intermediate, 29; grammar, 28. Average attendance: primary A, 27.08; primary B, 20.03; intermediate, 22.09; grammar, 15.76.

**Evening School.**

Teachers, C. E. Hewitt and Mrs. Ida Warner. Enrollment, 68; average attendance, 48.

Respectfully,

For the Committee,

J. S. MOULTON, *Secretary.*

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

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The cost of books and supplies for the school year 1890-91, has been as follows :

Appropriation for books . . . . .	\$0 00
Received for books sold . . . . .	12 26

Paid for books and supplies :

George F. King . . . . .	\$7 50
Interstate Publishing Co. . . . .	1 20
Iverson, Blakeman & Co. . . . .	17 48
D. C. Heath & Co. . . . .	7 34
Geo. S. Perry . . . . .	38 72
Ginn & Co. . . . .	42 85
Harper Bros. . . . .	10 53
Boston School Supply Co. . . . .	12 05
Carroll W. Clarke . . . . .	2 00
Lee & Shepard . . . . .	15 89
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn . . . . .	6 41
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co. . . . .	2 90
Lippincott & Co. . . . .	7 80
Silver, Burdette & Co. . . . .	2 40
Prang Educational Co. . . . .	2 40
Wright & Fletcher . . . . .	2 61
Express on books, etc. . . . .	7 20
	187 28

Actual cost to town . . . . .	\$175 02
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Average cost per school . . . . .	11 67
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Cost of books and supplies distributed to schools . . . . .	195 75
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Cost per pupil for books, etc. . . . .	46
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## REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICERS.

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In accordance with the requirement of the commonwealth and the vote of the town, the Truant Officers present the following report :

Cases investigated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Cases brought to trial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

In compliance with the statute requiring towns to “ provide suitable places for the confinement, discipline and instruction ” of truant children, arrangements have been made to accept the Lowell Industrial School as the place of consignment for such of our children as may be convicted of being truants.

W. E. PARSONS,  
A. R. CHOATE,  
EUGENE DE RHOEN.

*Truant Officers.*

## COST OF SCHOOLS.

Whole amount of school money (including evening school money)	\$5,535 69
Paid teachers' wages (including eve'g schools, \$4,347 20	
fuel	528 78
care (including evening schools)	266 75
cleaning Nos. 3, 6 and 10	6 30
evening school (book-case and supplies),	15 26
tuition to Littleton	27 75
Balance in treasury	343 65
	<hr/> \$5,535 69

### COST OF SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

#### CENTRE — (TWO SCHOOLS).

Wages of teachers	\$557 20
Care, \$22.00; fuel, \$34.94; books and supplies, \$25.54,	82 48
	<hr/> \$639 68

#### STONY BROOK.

Wages of teacher	\$299 00
Care, 11.00; fuel, \$23.22; books, etc., \$22.35	56 57
	<hr/> \$355 57

#### FORGE VILLAGE — (TWO SCHOOLS).

Wages of teachers	\$608 00
Care, \$62.75; fuel, \$106.07; books, etc., \$25.55;	
cleaning, \$0.60	194 92
	<hr/> \$802 92

#### NASHOBA.

Wages of teacher	\$299 00
Care, \$11.00; fuel, \$35.50; books, etc., \$14.71	61 21
	<hr/> \$360 21

#### PARKERVILLE.

Wages of teacher	\$263 00
Care, \$11.00; fuel, \$35.50; books, \$8.34	54 84
	<hr/> \$317 84

#### MINOT'S CORNER.

Wages of teacher	\$263 00
Care, \$11.00; fuel, \$35.50; books, etc., \$10.97	57 47
	<hr/> \$320 47

## NABNASSET.

Wages of teacher . . . . .	\$264 00
Care, \$11.00; fuel, \$21.50; books, etc., \$11.03 . . . . .	43 53

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 \$307 53

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR.

Wages of teacher . . . . .	\$263 00
Care, \$11.00; fuel, \$34.42; books, etc., \$6.31 . . . . .	51 73

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 \$314 73

## LYON.

Wages of teacher . . . . .	\$263 00
Care, \$11.00; fuel, \$36.25; books, etc., \$5.07 . . . . .	52 32

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 \$315 32

## GRANITEVILLE — (FOUR SCHOOLS).

Wages of teachers . . . . .	\$1,160 00
Care, \$90.00; fuel, \$169.88; books, etc., \$65.88 . . . . .	325 76

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 \$1,485 76

## EVENING SCHOOLS.

Wages of teachers . . . . .	\$108 00
Care, \$15.00; books and supplies, \$19.34 . . . . .	34 34

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 \$142 34

## DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE EVENING SCHOOL.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$150 00
Paid teachers . . . . .	\$108 00
care . . . . .	15 00
book-case . . . . .	6 50
supplies . . . . .	8 76
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	\$138 26
Balance . . . . .	11 74
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	\$150 00
Cost per pupil . . . . .	\$2 09
Cost per evening . . . . .	06

## COST OF PAINTING SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Centre (stock and labor) . . . . .	\$28 00
Forge Village (stock and labor) . . . . .	80 00
Graniteville (stock, \$36.05; labor, \$67.00) . . . . .	103 05

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 \$211 05

Appropriation . . . . .	250 00
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 Balance in treasury . . . . . \$38 95



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Wages per Month.	Number of Pupils.	Aver. Attendance.	Not Absent.	Not Tardy.	Tardy Marks.	Days Lost by all Pupils.	Average No. Days Lost per Pupil.
SPRING TERM.									
Centre.....	{ Meta J. Fiske.....	\$32 00	38	32.3	10	23	25	265	7
	{ Henry McClusky.....	32 00	14	13.6	0	7	16	129	9
Stony Brook .....	{ Georgie Dalrymple.....	32 00	28	26.61	12	28	0	84	3
	{ Grace Lawrence.....	32 00	47	32.43	1	43	4	721	15
Forge Village.....	{ Hannah Wyeth.....	32 00	31	23.8	1	31	0	423	13
	{ Clara A. Smith.....	32 00	24	22.	9	21	6	205	8
Nashoba.....	{ Flora A. Whitcomb.....	28 00	16	11.47	3	13	5	167	10
Parkerville.....	{ Lila C. Fisher.....	28 00	12	10.26	0	7	6	100	8
Minot's Corner....	{ Lizzie A. Winship.....	28 00	18	13.29	6	10	9	168	10
Nabnasset.....	{ Annie Hildreth.....	28 00	12	9.83	5	7	15	49	4
Long-sought-for...	{ Josephine Dane.....	28 00	11	9.8	5	8	3	72	6
Lyon.....	{ Annie Wilson.....	28 00	43	32.32	2	26	17	254	6
	{ Dora B. Sargent.....	32 00	25	20.66	6	25	0	301	12
Graniteville.....	{ Issie A. Parker.....	32 00	26	22.38	5	24	2	223	9
	{ C. E. Hewitt.....	32 00	19	14.35	2	14	6	140	8
FALL TERM.									
Centre.....	{ Clara A. Fisher.....	32 00	23	21.20	1	16	18	214	10
	{ Lester C. Smith.....	32 00							
	{ Meta J. Fiske.....	32 00	29	22.	0	14	34	469	16
Stony Brook.....	{ Georgie Dalrymple.....	32 00	30	27.2	10	26	12	177	6
	{ Grace Lawrence.....	32 00	40	33.30	1	38	4	313	8
Forge Village.....	{ Hannah Wyeth.....	32 00	35	28.12	6	33	2	235	7
	{ Clara A. Smith.....	32 00	22	17.5	4	15	23	298	14
Nashoba.....	{ Flora A. Whitcomb.....	28 00	13	10.13	0	10	14	178	14
Parkerville.....	{ Lila C. Fisher.....	28 00	18	15.94	2	14	16	102	11
Minot's Corner....	{ Lizzie A. Winship.....	28 00	14	11.46	3	13	1	144	10
Nabnasset.....	{ Mabel Drew.....	28 00	14	12.74	4	9	21	57	4
Long-sought-for...	{ Josephine Dane.....	28 00	10	9.63	0	7	12	50	5
Lyon .. .....	{ Annie Wilson.....	28 00	40	29.22	4	26	26	230	7
	{ Dora B. Sargent.....	32 00	23	19.41	2	22	1	268	12
Graniteville.....	{ Issie A. Parker.....	32 00	31	26.13	7	24	10	290	9
	{ C. E. Hewitt.....	32 00	21	16.77	2	21	0	112	6
WINTER TERM.									
Centre.....	{ Lila Fisher.....	36 00	20	17.16	6	13	20	96	5
	{ Meta J. Fiske.....	36 00	24	15.	0	9	38	304	13
Stony Brook.....	{ M. C. Patten.....	36 00	18	13.13	1	7	19	152	9
	{ Grace Lawrence.....	36 00	40	39.06	3	35	7	242	6
Forge Village.....	{ Hannah Wyeth.....	36 00	34	29.11	7	27	7	206	6
	{ Clara A. Smith.....	36 00	20	14.7	2	14	8	303	15
Nashoba.....	{ Flora A. Whitcomb.....	32 00	10	8.03	1	3	35	106	10
Parkerville.....	{ Mabel Drew.....	32 00	15	12.57	1	5	39	98	7
Minot's Corner....	{ Lizzie A. Winship.....	32 00	18	16.06	8	15	3	111	6
Nabnasset.....	{ Rena Prescott.....	32 00	13	12.43	6	7	44	39	3
Long-sought-for...	{ Josephine Dane.....	32 00	11	7.85	0	3	11	136	12
Lyon.....	{ C. E. Hewitt.....	36 00	18	16.48	2	15	3	114	6
	{ Issie A. Parker.....	36 00	24	20.21	4	22	4	210	8
Graniteville.....	{ Dora B. Sargent.....	36 00	24	20.01	2	23	1	271	11
	{ Annie Wilson.....	32 00	32	19.72	3	13	48	328	12
	{ C. E. Hewitt.....	18 00	30						
Evening School ..	{ Mrs. Ida Warner.....	18 00	38	*					

AVERAGE COST OF SCHOOLING PER PUPIL FOR THE YEAR, INCLUDING BOOKS.—Centre, \$11.42; Stony Brook, \$11.47; Forge Village, \$9.28; Nashoba, \$13.34; Parkerville, \$18.70; Minot's Corner, \$17.80; Nabnasset, \$13.28; Long-sought-for, \$22.42; Lyon, \$28.66; Graniteville, \$11.09.

\* For other points see report in another place.

## APPENDIX A.

Attention is especially called to the following table from which will be seen how large a proportion of the time our schools are in session is lost through irregularity of attendance.

### TABLE

SHOWING TIME LOST IN EACH SCHOOL DURING  
THE PAST YEAR.

School.	Whole number days lost by all pupils.	Average days lost per pupil.	Time in Weeks.
Centre Primary . . . . .	1038	24	4 4-5
Centre Grammar . . . . .	439	25	5
Stony Brook . . . . .	413	11	2 1-5
Forge Village, Primary . .	1376	23	4 3-5
Forge Village, Grammar . .	864	24	4 4-5
Nashoba . . . . .	806	30	6
Parkerville . . . . .	451	27	5 2-5
Minot's Corner . . . . .	400	22	4 2-5
Nabnasset . . . . .	423	23	4 3-5
Long-sought-for . . . . .	145	10	2
Lyon . . . . .	258	23	4 3-5
Graniteville, Grammar . .	366	13	2 3-5
Graniteville, Intermediate .	667	23	4 3-5
Graniteville, Primary A . .	807	29	5 4-5
Graniteville, Primary B . .	840	17	3 2-5

The number of school days (180) multiplied by the number of pupils (430) gives 77,400 school-days. Of this number 9,313 days were lost—an average of 620 days for each school, or 22 days per pupil.

# APPENDIX B.—Outline Course in Arithmetic.

Pending the needed changes in our present course of study, the following "Outline Course in Arithmetic," prepared by a committee appointed by the New England Superintendents' Association, consisting of Thomas M. Ballitt, C. E. Meleney, G. I. Aldrich, is recommended to teachers by the Committee.

Year or Grade.	Number Work.	Notation.	Fractions.	Decimals.	Compound Numbers.	Mensuration.	Business Arithmetic.
I.	1 - 10		$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{4}$		Apply combinations taught to most familiar Weights and Measures.		Use of pennies, two-cent pieces, nickels and the dimes.
II.	(a) 10 - 20 (b) 20 - 50	1 - 50	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{5}{6}$ $\frac{1}{5}$ $\frac{2}{5}$ $\frac{3}{5}$		Continue work of first year.		Extend above work.
III.	(a) 50 - 100 (b) 100 - 1000	50 - 1,000 Begin Decimal Notation.	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ Simple Reductions	Begin U. S. Money	As above—Simple reductions.	Pupils have much practice in measuring lengths.	Buying and selling, making change, etc.
IV.	1,000 - 1,000,000	1,000 - 1,000,000 Continue Decimal Notation.	Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. (Objective.) Begin Figure Work.	Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. (Objective.) Begin Figure work.	Extend above work.	As above.	Teach the rates, 50, 25, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %, 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %, 75% and 100 per cent. Making of bills,
V.	Continue above work. Divisors, Multiples, Cancellation.	Continue above work.	Completed.	Extend above work.	Extend above work.	Simple work in finding areas of surfaces and contents of solids.	Simple work in per centage. Simple examples in interest.
VI.	Frequent practice in fundamental operations.	Completed.	Many Problems involving use of Fractions.	Completed.	Extend above work.	As above.	Extend above work.
VII.	As is in above year.	Occasional Practice.	Problems continued.	Problems involving use of Decimals.	Completed.	Apply to work of carpenters, masons, etc.	Percentage completed.
VIII.	Review. Ratio and Proportion. Square Root.	Review.	Review.	Review.	Longitude and Time.	Continue above work and complete the subject.	Applications of Percentage. Commission and Brokerage. Taxes. Insurance. Custom House Business. Stocks and Bonds Partial Payments. Banking.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

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Showing the number not absent or tardy for one term or more.

### CENTRE SCHOOL.—GRAMMAR.

ONE TERM.—Minnie Wright, Amy Peckens, Bertha Wright, Wesley Harris, Irving Wright.

### PRIMARY.

ONE TERM.—Ruth Tuttle, Amy Peckens, Cora Wilson, Flora Wright, Fred Farrar, Albert Harris, George O'Brien, Philip Prescott, Irving Wright, Herbert Fletcher.

### STONY BROOK.

TWO TERMS.—Hellen Polley, Bertha Prescott, Amos Polley.

ONE TERM.—Alma Decatur, Carrie Fifield, Esther Taylor, Luanna Decatur, Fannie Banister, Jessie Walkden, Georgie Jones, Andrew Shehan, Bernard Flynn, Guy Decatur, Eddie Decatur, Eddie Andrews, Georgie Walkden.

### FORGE VILLAGE.—PRIMARY.

TWO TERMS.—Garfield Berry.

ONE TERM.—Blanche Gurney, Arthur Muleau, Flora McDonald, Freddy Allard.

### GRAMMAR.

THREE TERMS.—John Whighan.

TWO TERMS.—Willie Hanley.

ONE TERM.—Lucy Constantino, Blanche Gurney, John Catchpole, Walter Finch, Herbert Cockroft, Herbert Thurston, Willie Allard, George Whitely.

### NASHOBA.

THREE TERMS.—Ellie Whitney.

TWO TERMS.—Georgie Howard, Willie McDonald.

ONE TERM.—Alfred Day, John Howard, Elliot Humiston, Eleanor Piper, Frank Piper, Emma Castell, Anna Castell, Emma Flagg.

### PARKERVILLE.

TWO TERMS.—Ethel Woodbury.

ONE TERM.—Ethel Adams, Wilhemina West.



MINOT'S CORNER.

TWO TERMS.—Hattie Stephans.

ONE TERM.—Mary Bunce, Charlie Barnard.

NABNASSET.

THREE TERMS.—Herbert Ingalls.

TWO TERMS.—Nellie Ingalls, Frank Ingalls, Harry Ingalls, Charlie Trull.

ONE TERM.—Georgie Taylor, Nellie Felch, Eddie Felch, Harry Felch, Willie Dounells.

LONG-SOUGHT-FOR.

THREE TERMS.—Julia Burke, Katie Burke, Lula Dane.

TWO TERMS.—Lizzie Burke, Nellie Burke.

ONE TERM.—Florence Dane, Leonard Dane.

LYON.

ONE TERM.—Charlie Couture, Eddie Gould, Joseph Couture, Nellie Couture, Tommy Couture, Georgie Couture.

GRANITEVILLE.—FIRST PRIMARY.

TWO TERMS.—John Daley, Willie Daley, Ella Kirstead.

ONE TERM.—David Knox, Marcus Healey, Susie Healey.

SECOND PRIMARY.

TWO TERMS.—Lester McLenna.

ONE TERM.—Ellsworth York, Frank Nelson, John Knox, Fred Reed, Gertie Craven, Hannah Riney, Laura Healey, Timmie Riney.

INTERMEDIATE.

THREE TERMS.—Blanche York, Annie Davie.

TWO TERMS.—Thomas Larkin.

ONE TERM.—Annie Record, Hattie Sargent, Sarah Davie, Josie Provost, Hannah Riney, Willie Hemen, Fred Reed, Frank McLenna.

GRAMMAR.

TWO TERMS.—Hattie Sargent, Sarah Davie.

ONE TERM.—Joseph Riney.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Albert DeRhoen, John Larkin, Mary Records, Agnes Davie, Willie Davie, George Knox, John Knox, Thomas Larkin, Winnie Larkin.



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## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1891.

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### TOWN CLERK.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT.

### SELECTMEN.

J. HENRY READ.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER.

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD.

### ASSESSORS.

ASAPH B. CUTTER.

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GEORGE H. HARTFORD.

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

EDWARD PRESCOTT.

WAYLAND F. BALCH.

HAMMETT D. WRIGHT.

### TOWN TREASURER.

NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

### COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ALEC FISHER.

### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

TRUE A. BEAN.

### BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

FRANK L. FLETCHER, *Chairman*, . Term expires May 1, 1892.

NELSON L. TUTTLE, . . . Term expires May 1, 1893.

WESLEY O. HAWKES, . . . Term expires May 1, 1894.

The Town Clerk is a member *ex-officio* and Clerk of the Board.

### ELECTION INSPECTORS.

FRANK P. HAWKES.

W. H. H. BURBECK.

### DEPUTY ELECTION INSPECTORS.

SAMUEL G. HUMISTON.

A. RICHMOND LEIGHTON.



## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

HENRY CHAMBERLAIN.

The foregoing officers have all been sworn. Of the following only those marked by a star have been sworn.

## AUDITOR.

ALEXANDER F. CAMERON.

Mr. Cameron died July 12, not having taken the oath of office. George W. Goode was appointed to fill the vacancy, and was duly sworn.

## CONSTABLES.

WAYLAND F. BALCH.	*ISAAC E. DAY.
ALBERT R. CHOATE.	GEORGE H. HARTFORD.
*JOHN A. HEALY.	WILLIAM M. LEE.

## FIELD DRIVERS.

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ALEXANDER F. CAMERON.	HENRY O. KEYES.
*MARK M. MORRISON.	

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## WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, ETC.

*JOHN M. FLETCHER.	EDWARD A. HAMLIN.	JOHN W. DAY.
ARTHUR WRIGHT.	HENRY J. HEALY.	*CHAS. E. WHIDDEN.
ABIEL J. ABBOT.	DANIEL E. ATWOOD.	A. F. CAMERON.
*W. W. JOHNSON.	SAMUEL A. HAMLIN.	WILBERT E. PARSONS.
NAHUM H. WRIGHT.	JACOB SMITH.	ELBERT H. FLAGG.
*JOHN A. HEALY.	GEO. W. HEYWOOD.	WM. C. EDWARDS.

## CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES.

WILBERT E. PARSONS.

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER, ETC.

CHAS. L. FLETCHER.	THOMAS DREW.	*JOHN A. HEALY.
GILMER STONE.	GEO. H. PRESCOTT.	W. W. WYMAN.
JACOB SMITH.	EDWARD A. HAMLIN.	W. E. PARSONS.
*THOMAS E. SYMMES.	*W. W. JOHNSON.	WM. M. VOSE.
*CHAS. E. WHIDDEN.	ALBERT S. REED.	W. O. HAWKES.
G. A. PERHAM.	WM. C. EDWARDS.	HORACE E. GOULD.
HAMMETT D. WRIGHT.		

## WEIGHER OF COAL.

\*E. H. WHIDDEN.

No oath of office is required of the remaining officers.

## MEASURER OF GRAIN.

W. H. H. BURBECK.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. SIDNEY MOULTON, <i>Sec. &amp; Sup't.</i>	Term expires March, 1892.
ALBERT R. CHOATE, . . .	Term expires March, 1892.
ALVIN G. POLLEY . . .	Term expires March, 1893.
JOHN H. HORAN . . .	Term expires March, 1893.
GEORGE DREW . . .	Term expires March, 1894.
ABIEL J. ABBOT, <i>Chairman</i> .	Term expires March, 1894.

Mr. Horan resigned early in the year, and Frank H. Hildreth was chosen at a union meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee, to fill the vacancy until the next annual Town Meeting.

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CATHERINE S. HAMLIN . . .	Term expires March, 1892.
WILLIAM E. FROST . . .	Term expires March, 1893.
NETTIE M. STEVENS . . .	Term expires March, 1894.

## LIBRARIAN.

CARRIE E. READ.

## AGENT FOR BURIAL OF DECEASED SOLDIERS,

GEORGE T. DAY.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

HENRY B. RUITER.

## FOREST FIRE WARDS.

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD.

EDWARD PRESCOTT.

## UNDERTAKER.

ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.

## JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

JOSEPH H. WILSON.

## APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

JOHN M. FLETCHER.

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.

ISAAC W. CARLIN.

# BIRTHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford A. D. 1891.*

Date.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
July 6.....	Atwood.....	Daniel and Eliza A. (Davidson).
Oct. 3.....	Beauchane, Louis Arthur.....	Arthur and Desonega (Bergeon).
Jan. 12.....	Beaufford, Margaret Blanche.....	Ralph and Rose (Bebrose).
Aug. 8.....	Buckingham, Horace Willis.....	John and Lizzie (Willis).
Aug. 23.....	Carron, George O. Zanna.....	George and Emma (Perry).
Jan. 27.....	Cann, Harvey Guy.....	Charles W. and Mary E. (Fisk).
Nov. 18.....	Case, Hazel Violet.....	Elisha and Mary E. (Liston).
July 4.....	Cassidy, Robert Valden.....	William M. and Mary E. (Valden).
May 24.....	Clement, Frederick Wilbur.....	Peter and Mary (O'Connor).
Dec. 7.....	Day, Walter Otis.....	Quincy W. and Ada A. (Sharp).
Dec. 21.....	De Roehn, William Eugene.....	Andrew and Mary A. (Weaver).
Feb. 1.....	Feeney, John.....	John and Janette (McDougall).
July 15.....	Fraser, John Wess.....	James and Nancy A. (Decatur).
May 20.....	Hartford, James Blaine.....	George H. and Lizzie J. (Morse).
Jan. 18.....	Hildreth, Anna Augusta.....	Julian and Ella (Bicknell).
Sept. 17.....	Horner, Halsey Boardman.....	Thomas J. and Flora (Boardman).
May 7.....	Hoyt, Ethel Viola.....	Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Marshall).
June 27.....	Hughes, Thomas Alfred.....	Thomas and Olive (Provost).
Sept. 8.....	Loftus, Eva Gertrude.....	John and Ellen (Curran).
July 29.....	McClenna, Stella Viola.....	Alvin W. and Lillian (Spaulding).
July 5.....	McDonald, Henry Augustus.....	Angus and Margaret (McNeff).
Feb. 21.....	McDonald, Ada Matilda.....	Angus, 2d, and Elizabeth A. (Herren).
July 18.....	McDougall, Alexander Francis.....	Alexander and Hattie (Hosmer).
April 2.....	Miller, Ruth Margaret.....	Frank E. and Lillian B. (Whitney).
July 8.....	O'Brien, Mary Agnes.....	James H. and Annie (Dunn).
April 17.....	Paille, Frederica.....	Joseph and Adele (Milleaux).
April 17.....	Paille, Orea.....	Joseph and Adele (Milleaux).
March 17.....	Paul, Gerald Edward.....	Gerald E. and Annie G. (Moore).
July 8.....	Petterson, Maggie Honorine.....	Alfred and Hannah (Roglborg).
Nov. 7.....	Prescott, Ebenezer Clyde.....	Ebenezer and Josephine (Webster).
April 3.....	Rose, Lillian Gertrude.....	Frank A. and Margaret (Splaine).
Aug. 20.....	Shugrue, Fred.....	Charles and Rosa (Rushworth).
June 6.....	Spillane, James.....	Patrick and Kate A. (Donoghue).
April 7.....	Stewart, Flora Belle.....	James and Mary (McNaughton).
Feb. 15.....	Sullivan, Mary Josephine.....	Jerry and Kate (Sweeney).
May 13.....	Symmes, George Edward.....	William E. and Laura E. (Noyes).
Sept. 1.....	Vicarest, Joseph Henri.....	Nicholas and Celina (Pratt).
April 28.....	Wing, Alice Mildred.....	Thomas and Sarah J. (Keyser).

Whole number recorded, males 21, females 17, total 38; of American parentage, 13; of foreign parentage, 13; American father and foreign mother, 4; American mother and foreign father, 8.

Correction of last year's report: The name of the child of Quincy W. Day should be May instead of Mary.

# MARRIAGES

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford A. D. 1891.*

Date.	NAMES.	Age.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Feb. 8.....	Brigham, George A. D.....	47	Boston.....	Exeter, N. H.
	Carver, Mary E. (Kittredge)...	43	Westford.....	Westford.
Nov. 25....	Carkin, George F.....	30	".....	"
	Comey, Clara P.....	30	".....	"
March 11..	De Roehn, Andrew.....	21	".....	Washington, N. H.
	Weaver, Mary Ann.....	20	".....	Kiddermin'r, Eng.
June 10....	Dodge, Solon R.....	42	Groton.....	Groton.
	Walker, Minnie B.....	19	Westford.....	Westford.
Feb. 9.....	Fifield, Willis S.....	24	".....	Nashua, N. H.
	Flynn, Mary Ann.....	23	Lowell.....	Camden, N. J.
June 6.....	Field, Adelbert Lincoln.....	26	Westford.....	Springfield, Vt.
	Hunter, Gertrude Leslie.....	21	Lowell.....	Lawrence.
Oct. 21....	Fletcher, Fred L.....	24	Chelmsford.....	Chelmsford.
	Ward, Mabelle E.....	23	".....	"
Dec. 27....	Grant, Isaac Ward.....	20	Westford.....	Queensboro', N. B.
	Odell, Emma.....	20	".....	Woodstock, N. B.
Dec. 24....	Hamlin, Charles A.....	34	".....	Westford.
	Kimball, Lizzie G.....	33	Littleton.....	Littleton.
Aug. 9.....	Hill, Frederick O.....	21	Boston.....	Lowell.
	Adams, Laura D.....	21	".....	Boston.
March 11..	Hooper, Frank D.....	23	Prince Edward's Isle	Prince Edw'd's Isle.
	Bicknell, R. Annie.....	20	Westford.....	Westford.
May 30....	Hughes, Edward.....	25	".....	Wales.
	Brewster, Louisa.....	25	".....	England.
Nov. 25....	Jones, John Henry.....	30	Worcester.....	"
	Burnett, Laura.....	21	Westford.....	"
July 15....	Jones, Steenson.....	21	".....	"
	Bennett, Adelaide.....	18	".....	"
Nov. 15....	Lacourse, Joseph.....	23	Lowell.....	Canada.
	Milot, Odina.....	20	Westford.....	"
Dec. 23....	Leighton, Amos Richmond.....	32	".....	Westford.
	Howe, Helen W.....	24	Hollis, N. H.....	Dunstable.
Sept. 16....	Rivers, Edward Elmer.....	23	Ayer.....	Vermont.
	Hughes, Clara.....	22	Westford.....	England.
June 28....	Sevignie, Desire.....	21	Lowell.....	Canada.
	Robichaud, Alsi.....	21	Westford.....	"
June 28 ...	Sevignie, Napoleon.....	24	Lowell.....	"
	Robichaud, Athenais.....	19	Westford.....	"
Sept. 20....	Spaulding William Warren.....	22	".....	Westford.
	Johnson, Elizabeth A.....	20	".....	Port Henry, N. Y.
May 30....	Whittemore, Ernest.....	22	".....	Windham, N. H.
	Berry, Emily.....	20	".....	Bradford, Eng.
Jan. 14....	Wilson, Silas W.....	21	".....	Ft. Covingt'n, N.Y.
	Moore, Annie E.....	18	".....	Fredericton, N. B.
Sept. 29....	Woodward, George W.....	30	Marlborough.....	Marlborough.
	Whitney, Eva L.....	21	Westford.....	Littleton.
Dec. 31 ...	Woodward, Henry D.....	34	Marlborough.....	Marlborough.
	Whitney, Carrie.....	19	Westford.....	Westford.

Number of marriages recorded.....24  
 Number solemnized in Westford.....12  
 Westford grooms.....12  
 Westford brides.....18  
 Between Americans.....12  
 Between foreigners.....7

American groom and foreign bride.... 4  
 American bride and foreign groom.... 1  
 Second marriage of groom..... 2  
 Second marriage of bride..... 1  
 Solemnized by Westford clergymen....11



# DEATHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford A. D. 1891.*

Date.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
April 14....	Abbot, Catharine (Abbot)—widow of John W. P.....	83	..	26
Dec. 21....	Abbot, Julian—resident of Lowell.....	85	2	2
June 24....	Boufford, Blanche M.—d. of Raphael and Rosalie (Belleroze).....	..	5	12
Jan. 25....	Burbeck, Samuel N.—son of Josephine and Ann (Ryan)....	86	4	16
Sept. 26....	Butterfield, Reuben J.—son of Benj. and Eliza (Coburn)....	71	11	12
Sept. 29....	Butterworth, Eliza J.—dau. of John T. and Katie E. (Gannon).....	15	5	20
Nov. 24....	Caldwell, Francis.....	78	5	..
July 12....	Cameron, Alexander F.—son of Allan and Eleanor (Flint).....	28	3	15
Sept. 1....	Chalmerson, Jorum—resident of Lowell.....	32	..	..
April 27....	Clark, Paul Francis—resident of Shirley.....	46	9	15
April 28....	Comey, William S.—son of Susan and Charlotte (Skinner).....	70	6	28
July 5....	Cummings, Clarissa (Reed)—wife of Walter H.....	62	10	22
Feb. 27....	Drew, Dorothy—dau. of John F. and Ida B. (Morrill).....	3	11	..
Dec. 19....	Driscoll, Catherine (Sullivan)—wife of Patrick.....	62	..	..
June 2....	Driscoll, John—son of Timothy and Mary (O'Brien).....	30	5	..
March 1....	Farmer, Martha (Procter)—resident of Boxborough....	89	5	5
April 20....	Fletcher, Mary E.—dau. of Seth and Sally (Procter).....	76	..	23
May 28....	Flint, Levi—son of Moses and Elizabeth (Spaulding).....	84	2	..
June 3....	Flint, Sally S. (Shedd)—wife of Levi.....	80	5	12
Aug. 3....	Fraser, John Wess—son of James and Nancy D. (Decatur).....	..	..	19
June 18....	Frederick, George S.—son of George and Sarah (Sumner).....	71	9	2
Aug. 19....	Gage, Eliza—resident of Lowell.....	88	..	..
July 15....	Garbett, Sarah Ellen—dau. of Thomas and Louisa (Bates).....	13	10	..
March 19....	Gilson, Sarah N. (Wright)—widow of Asa.....	75	..	..
Aug. 5....	Hamlin, Dinah Ann (Cartelyou)—widow of Cyrus.....	70	9	16
Jan. 26....	Healy, Mary Ann (Callahan)—wife of John A.....	30	3	27
Nov. 10....	Heath, Fred A.—son of T. P.....	31	..	..
Nov. 10....	Hildreth, Eveline (Reed)—resident of Nashua, N. H.....	85	9	22
Aug. 31....	Hill, James Frederick—son of Geo. C. and Jennie C. (Dow).....	..	3	5
Nov. 8....	Holmes, James William—son of Wm. and Annie (Kearns).....	7	5	..
Jan. 6....	Hosley, George Reed—died in Philadelphia, Pa.....	40	3	23
May 5....	Ireland, Geo. Henry—son of Jas. and Mary A. (Fillebrown).....	56	..	26
May 25....	Larkin, Mary (Higgins)—widow of Patrick.....	80	..	..
March 31....	Longley, Charles O.—died in Chicago, Ill.....	59	..	..
Sept. 26....	McAdam, Mary A. (Campbell)—wife of Hugh.....	33	6	..
June 11....	Merrill, Samuel—son of Robert and Sarah (Fletcher).....	85	5	30
July 10....	O'Brien, Sarah—dau. of James H. and Annie (Dunn).....	1	5	23
April 1....	Orange, Hilda Adelaide—dau. of Abram and Ruth (Bennett).....	..	3	14
Aug. 12....	Paille, Frederica—dau. of Joseph and Adele (Milleaux).....	..	3	26
May 20....	Pike, Mary C. (Huff)—wife of Benjamin F.....	36	9	20
Jan. 15....	Plaisted, Rufus L.—died in Tyngsborough.....	65	10	..
Feb. 11....	Raymond, Joseph—son of Anthony and Catherine.....	73	10	..
Sept. 12....	Shaw, Caroline L. (Flanders)—widow of Adrian.....	76	1	26
Aug. 27....	Spaulding, Asa—son of Stephen and Betsey (Fletcher).....	79	10	22
June 9....	Spaulding, Mary Jane (Harris)—wife of Calvin W.....	50	..	..
April 28....	Stone, Mary Ann (Fletcher)—died in Watertown.....	93	..	14
April 15....	Turner, William—son of Thomas.....	66	9	11
Feb. 23....	Vicirest, Nazarae—Nicola and Salina (Pratt).....	1	..	6
May 31....	Watson, Hannah W. (Abbot)—resident of Lowell.....	73	9	..
May 11....	Woodbury, Sabin—son of William and Sarah (Mann).....	77	2	..
Dec. 5....	Wright, Edw. E.—son of Jacob A. and Harriet A. (Leighton).....	49	11	19
Feb. 1....	Wright, Erastus—son of Abijah and Mary (Fletcher).....	84	11	15

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded.....	25	27	52
Number of deaths in town.....	17	23	40
Residents of Westford.....	20	20	40
Non-residents brought to town for interment.....	5	4	9
Number of interments in town.....	17	15	32

Causes of death: Pneumonia, 8; consumption, 3; dementia, cancer, measles, apoplexy, bronchitis, cystitis, old age, heart disease, kidney disease, convulsions, meningitis, paralysis, 2 each; intestinal obstruction, chronic diarrhea, acute tuberculosis, la grippe, accidental drowning, cholera infantum, marasmus, typhoid pneumonia, uræmia, typhoid dysentery, accidental burning, Bright's disease, 1 each.



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 27, 1891:	
172 males at \$2.00.....	\$344 00
4 females at \$5.00.....	20 00
Total .....	\$364 00
Deduct Clerk's fees, 176 licenses at 20 cents each.....	35 20
Balance paid into county treasury.....	\$328 80

For which I hold the receipts of the County Treasurer.

Of the foregoing licenses 13 (males) were for the year ending April 30, 1891.

Number licensed since last return, Nov. 27, 1891, 2 (males).

Number licensed for the year ending April 30, 1892: Males, 161; females, 4; total, 165.

Number returned by Assessors, males, 137; females, 6; total, 143.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES SINCE LAST REPORT.

The licenses are for the year ending April 30, 1892, unless otherwise specified.

Adams, Charles L.	Blaisdell, Alvin J.	Cann, George
Agnew, Alice N.	Blodgett, Josiah W.	Carkin, George F.
Agnew, Janette (1891)	Blodgett, Luther W. (2)	Carkin, Issac W.
Andrews, Charles	Blood, Napoleon B.	Carkin, Perley A. (2)
Banister, Charles H.	Bolan, Belle (fem.)	Carmichael, David
Barnard, J. H.	Boynton, James M.	Carmichael, James H.
Bean, Mary A.	Brown, John H.	Carr, Michael
Bemis, Henry S.	Buckminster, E. F.	Carrick, William
Berry, James (2)	Butterworth, W. L.	Casey, Daniel

- Catchpole, Henry  
 Coburn, Hannah  
 Collier, James  
 Comey, Arthur H. (2)  
 Cron, Peter  
 Cummings, Alvin N.  
 Daley, Hugh  
 Dane, Hiram  
 Davis, Alfred S. (2)  
 Davis, Charles A.  
 Day, George T. (1891-2)  
 Day, Isaac E.  
 Decatur, C. R. P.  
 Decatur, John H.  
 Defoe, Edward  
 De Roehn, Eugene  
 Desmond, Jerry  
 Downs, M. F.  
 Drew, Frank C.  
 Drew, Mrs. Greenlief  
 Eaton, Ward W.  
 Edwards, Wm. C.  
 Feeney, John  
 Fillebrown, H. F.  
 Fletcher, Benj. M.  
 Fletcher, Harry N. (4)  
 Fletcher, Henry A.  
 Fletcher, J. W.  
 Fletcher, Mary K.  
 Floyd, Samuel  
 Forbush, Frank L.  
 Frederick, Eliza A.  
 Gardner, Robert  
 George, Ransom N.  
 Gordon, Hiram  
 Gould, Horace  
 Greig, David L. (2)  
 Griffin, Charles M.  
 Hall, John  
 Harrington, Henry  
 Hartford, George H.  
 Hawkes, Wesley O.  
 Healy, Mrs. James  
 Healy, John A. (2)  
 Heywood, A. W.  
 Hildreth, Herbert V.  
 Hill, George W.  
 Holt, Arthur  
 Horan, Thomas  
 Humiston, Samuel G.  
 Hutchins, John  
 Hutchins, Stephen E.  
 Ingalls, George W.  
 Ireland, Nellie B.  
 King, Albert  
 Mann, Mrs. E. L.  
 Martin, Frederick  
 Matthews, Albert J.  
 McCarty, Joseph F.  
 McDonald, Angus  
 McGlincha, John  
 Miller, Frank E.  
 Monahan, John  
 Moore, Edward A.  
 Moore, Thomas E.  
 Morse, French M.  
 Murphy, George E.  
 Nesmith, George W.  
 Nutting, B. F.  
 Nutting, Willie  
 O'Brien, Honora  
 O'Brien, James (2)  
 O'Brien, James H.  
 O'Brien, James, 3d  
 Orange, Abram  
 Palmer, Louis P.  
 Pike, Benj. F. (fem.)  
 Pitman, Edward M.  
 Polley, Alvin G.  
 Putney, Samuel F.  
 Quinn, Gilbert  
 Records, J. F.  
 Reed, Charles  
 Reed, Charles W.  
 Reed, Ephraim  
 Reed, William (2)  
 Riddick, Lincoln  
 Roby, Ossian  
 Ruiter, Henry (1891)  
 Sargent, Allan C.  
 Sargent, Fred G. (2)  
 Sheahan, Andrew  
 Shugrue, Charles F.  
 Spinner, James (1891-2)  
 Splaine, Patrick  
 Stephan, Reinhold  
 Stevens, Ephraim A.  
 Stiles, Fred G. (1891)  
 Stiles, Geo. F. (fem.)  
 Sullivan, James  
 Sullivan, Jeremiah  
 Sweatt, Fred A.  
 Sweetser, George N.  
 Sweetser, Judson F.  
 Thomas, James  
 Voren, Octave  
 Vose, William M.  
 Wall, Christina  
 Ward, Daniel  
 Ward, John M.  
 Wayne, John  
 Weaver, William  
 Whigham, William  
 Whitney, George W.  
 Whitney, Hiram  
 Whitney, J. H. (1891-2)  
 Whitney, Julian  
 Whitney, Wm. M.  
 Willis, Wm. T.  
 Wilson, John  
 Wing, Thomas  
 Worcester, Philinda E.  
 Wright, Everett E.  
 Wright, Walter C.  
 Wright, Willie M.  
 Wright, Mrs. W. O. (fem.)  
 Wyman, Walter W.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1891.

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held in the Town House, March 16, 1891, the following business was transacted:

1st. George T. Day and Albert P. Richardson were appointed tellers by the Town Clerk, to serve during the election of Moderator, and they were duly sworn by said Clerk. J. Henry Read was unanimously elected Moderator.

2d. The selectmen appointed William E. Frost and W. H. H. Burbeck as ballot clerks, and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

3d. Voted, to take up Article 8.

4th. Voted, to reconsider the last vote passed, and take up the 19th Article.

5th. Voted, that the compensation of the Collector be one per cent.

6th. Voted, to take up Article 8.

7th. Voted, to keep the polls open until 1.30 o'clock, .P . M

8th. The Moderator appointed, George T. Day, Albert P. Richardson and William L. Kittredge, tellers to act during the balloting for town officers, and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

9th. The meeting proceeded to ballot for town officers, and also on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Before the commencement of voting, the ballot box was opened and found to be empty, the register standing on zero (000). 6 ballots failed to go in with the turn of the crank.

At the close of the polls the register stood on 317.

No. of names checked on voting list, 313.

Whole number of ballots cast (by count) 313.

The votes for town officers were sorted and counted, and the following persons were found to have plurality of votes and were declared to be elected:

TOWN CLERK—Gilman J. Wright; sworn by the Moderator.

SELECTMEN—George W. Heywood, J. Henry Read, Sherman H. Fletcher. Messrs. Read and Fletcher were sworn by the Town Clerk.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR—Wayland F. Balch, Edward Prescott, Hammett D. Wright. Messrs. Prescott and Balch were sworn by the Moderator.

ASSESSORS—Asaph B. Cutter, Charles L. Fletcher, George H. Hartford. Messrs. Fletcher and Hartford were sworn by the Moderator.

TOWN TREASURER—Nahum H. Wright.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Abiel J. Abbot, George Drew.

TRUSTEE OF TOWN LIBRARY—Nettie M. Stevens.

CONSTABLES—Wayland F. Balch, Albert R. Choate, John A. Healy, Isaac E. Day, George H. Hartford, William M. Lee.

AUDITOR—Alexander F. Cameron.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—Alec Fisher.

The votes on the license question was sorted and counted, and the result was declared to be as follows:

Yes—One hundred and twenty-two (122).

No—One hundred and fifty-one (151).

10th. After counting the whole number of ballots it was voted to act on the remaining articles of the warrant while the sorting and counting of the votes was being completed.

11th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Selectmen as printed.

12th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Auditor as printed.

13th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

14th. Voted, to accept the Report of the School Committee as printed.

15th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Trustees of the Town Library as printed.

16th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Trustees of the Town Library, and appropriate the sum recommended in said Report, from the Town Treasury. The Report recommends the appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150).

17th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards.

18th. Voted, to appropriate from the Town Treasury three thousand dollars (\$3000) to defray Town Debts and charges.

19th. Voted, to raise forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500) for Reading and Writing Schools.

20th. In regard to Article 11, which was "To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of



the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same," the Town voted to give such authority to the Town Treasurer.

21st. Voted to excuse Napoleon B. Blood, Charles A. Hamlin, Wesley O. Hawkes, and Frank C. Drew from serving as Jurors.

22d. Voted, to add the name of John Healy to the list of Jurors.

23d. Voted, to accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen, as amended, which consists of the following names: Hammett D. Wright, Daniel Atwood, Henry Chamberlin, Isaac W. Carlin, Samuel L. Taylor, George W. Bussey, Horace E. Gould, Chas. E. Whidden, Quincy W. Day, Albert S. Reed, Frank L. Fletcher, Oscar R. Spaulding, Hugh Dailey, James H. O'Brien, Elbert E. Flagg, Isaac E. Day, Alvan Fisher, Wilbert E. Parsons, Charles M. Griffin, John Healy.

24th. Voted, to raise one thousand dollars (\$1000) and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2000) for the repair of Roads and Bridges.

25th. Chose Wilbert E. Parsons, Alexander F. Cameron, John Feeney, Henry O. Keyes, Mark M. Morrison, Field Drivers.

26th. Chose Alvin G. Polley, Almon S. Vose, Lewis C. Dane, Fence Viewers.

27th. Chose the following persons Weighers of Hay, Coal, etc.: John M. Fletcher, Arthur Wright, Abiel J. Abbot, W. W. Johnson, Nahum H. Wright, John A. Healy, Edward A. Hamlin, Henry J. Healy, Daniel E. Atwood, Samuel A. Hamlin, Jacob Smith, George W. Heywood, William C. Edwards, John W. Day, Charles E. Whidden, Alexander F. Cameron, Wilbert E. Parsons, Elbert H. Flagg.

28th. Chose Wilbert E. Parsons, Culler of Hoops and Staves.

29th. Chose the following persons Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, etc.: Charles L. Fletcher, Gilmer Stone, Jacob Smith, Thomas E. Symmes, Charles E. Whidden, Gardner A. Perham, Thomas Drew, George H. Prescott, Edward A. Hamlin, W. W. Johnson, Albert S. Reed, William C. Edwards, Hammett D. Wright, John A. Healy, Walter W. Wyman, Wilbert E. Parsons, William M. Vose, Wesley O. Hawkes, Horace E. Gould.

30th. Voted, to dismiss the 15th Article.

31st. Voted, to dismiss the 16th Article.

32d. Voted, to adopt the provisions of Section 29 of Chapter 36 of the Public Statutes.

33d. Voted, that the compensation of the Inspectors and Deputy Inspectors of Elections be fixed by the Selectmen.

34th. Voted, that the Selectmen hereafter appoint three Appraisers annually to appraise the property at the Almshouse at the close of the fiscal year.



35th. Voted, that the number of Constables to be annually elected be hereafter limited to two.

36th. Voted, to accept the provisions of Sections 64 to 73 inclusive of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes.

37th. Voted, to accept of the sum of one hundred dollars as a fund, and allow interest on the same, the income to be expended in the care of the burial lots in the North Burying Ground, so called, which are inclosed by a granite curbing, and in which the Smith family are buried.

38th. Voted, to reconsider the vote by which the 15th Article was dismissed,

39th. Voted, to raise one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) for an evening school at Graniteville.

40th. Voted, to accept the minutes of the meeting.

41st. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

J. HENRY READ, *Moderator.*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT; *Town Clerk.*

A true copy.

Attest: GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House, April 25, 1891, the following business was transacted:

- 1st. Voted, to chose a Moderator by ballot.
- 2d. Voted, to dispense with the use of the check list during the election of Moderator.
- 3d. Chose Albert P. Richardson, Moderator.
- 4th. Mr. Richardson not being present, J. H. Read was chosen Moderator.
- 5th. Voted, to accept and adopt the Report of the Selectmen in regard to laying out a town way near Westford Station on Nashua and Acton Railroad, on petition of George T. Day and others.
- 6th. Voted, to leave thematter of widening, straightening, and repairing of the road leading from the house of N. B. Blood, by house of E. H. Flagg to Littleton line, as petitioned for by C. L. Howard and others, with the Selectmen, and that three hundred dollars be raised to defray the expense of said repairs, widenings, and straightenings.
- 7th. Voted, to authorize the Selectmen to repair and paint the Town House, at an expense not exceeding one thousand dollars, and that that sum be appropriated for that purpose.
- 8th. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to build a wire fence around the Nashoba (No. 4) School-house lot.
- 9th. Voted, to authorize the Selectmen to shingle School Houses Nos. three and seven.
- 10th. Voted, to leave the cementing of the cellar of School House No. 1 to the Selectmen.
- 11th. Voted, to accept the minutes of the meeting.
- 12th. Voted, to dissolve the meeting.

J. HENRY READ, *Moderator.*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

A true copy.

Attest: GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## STATE ELECTION, NOV. 3, 1891.

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Abstract of the record of the vote of the Town of Westford.

Whole number of ballots cast..... 398

### GOVERNOR:

Charles H. Allen, of Lowell.....	226
Charles E. Kimball, of Lynn.....	12
William E. Russell, of Cambridge.....	140
Henry Winn, of Malden.....	1
Blank votes.....	19
Whole number of votes for this office.....	379

### LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:

John W. Corcoran, of Clinton.....	132
William H. Haile, of Springfield.....	222
George R. Peare, of Lynn.....	1
William J. Shields, of Boston.....	2
Augustus R. Smith, of Lee.....	11
Blank votes.....	30
Whole number of votes for this office.....	368

### SECRETARY:

Elbridge Cushman, of Lakeville.....	133
William M. Olin, of Boston.....	216
Alfred W. Richardson, of Springfield.....	14
Blank votes.....	35
Whole number of votes for this office.....	363

### TREASURER:

Charles Friede, of Boston.....	2
James S. Grinnell, of Greenfield.....	129
George A. Marden, of Lowell.....	216
Samuel B. Shapleigh, of Boston.....	13
Blank votes.....	38
Whole number of votes for this office.....	360

## AUDITOR:

William O. Armstrong, of Boston.....	13
John W. Kimball, of Fitchburg.....	217
Squire E. Putney, of Somerville.....	1
William D. T. Trefry, of Marblehead.....	132
Blank votes.....	35
Whole number of votes for this office.....	363

## ATTORNEY-GENERAL:

Wolcott Hamlin, of Amherst.....	14
Albert E. Pillsbury, of Boston.....	214
George M. Stearns, of Chicopee.....	127
James Waldock, of Boston.....	2
Blank votes.....	41
Whole number of votes for this office.....	357

## COUNCILLOR:

William B. De Las Casas, of Malden.....	131
Charles F. Loring, of Melrose.....	217
George Pillsbury, of Tewksbury.....	11
Blank votes.....	39
Whole number of votes for this office.....	359

## CLERK OF THE COURTS:

Theodore C. Hurd, of Winchester.....	204
Blank votes.....	194
Whole number of votes for this office.....	204

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Stephen B. Puffer, of Lowell.....	143
William B. Savage, of Somerville.....	14
Samuel O. Upham, of Waltham.....	206
Blank votes.....	35
Whole number of votes for this office.....	363

## COUNTY TREASURER:

Joseph G. Ball, of Cambridge.....	10
Joseph O. Hayden, of Somerville.....	210
Alfred D. Hoitt, of Arlington.....	127
Blank votes.....	51
Whole number of votes for this office.....	347

## REGISTER OF DEEDS:

Joseph P. Thompson, of Lowell.....	250
Blank votes.....	148
Whole number of votes for this office.....	250

## SENATOR:

James L. Harriman, of Hudson.....	132
Hiram Whitford, of Woburn.....	16
Edwin F. Wyer, of Woburn.....	200
Blank votes.....	50
Whole number of votes for this office.....	348

## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT:

Hiram Dane, of Westford.....	5
Wesley O. Hawkes, of Westford.....	193
Joseph B. Heald, of Pepperell.....	184
Blank votes.....	16
Whole number of votes for this office.....	382

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:

Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to the qualification of voters for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Senators, and Representatives be approved and ratified: Yes, 156; No, 63.

Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution making a majority of members a quorum in each branch of the General Court be approved and ratified: Yes, 187; No, 26.

## Return of votes for Representative in General Court for Middlesex District, No. 31:

	Dunsta- ble.	Groton.	Pepper- ell.	West- ford.	Total.
Hiram Dane, of Westford.....	3	7	6	5	21
Wesley O. Hawkes, of Westford..	54	138	216	193	601
Joseph B. Heald of Pepperell....	42	143	246	184	615
Total .....	99	288	468	382	1237

Heald's plurality, 14.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*



## LAYING OUT OF ROAD ON PETITION OF GEORGE T. DAY AND OTHERS.

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Upon the aforesaid petition, due notice having been given to all persons interested to meet at the Depot on the Nashua & Acton Railroad, to be heard relative to the subject matter, we, the Selectmen of said Westford, having heard all parties interested in the foregoing petition, and having viewed the location of the proposed road, have laid out a town way hereafter described, as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound on the highway leading from Westford Centre to Forge Village, near Railroad Bridge over Nashua & Acton Railroad, thence south  $20\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ , west  $321\frac{1}{2}$  feet, to a point 14 feet from Nashua & Acton Railroad station; thence south  $15^{\circ}$ , west 642 feet, to the old highway from Westford Centre to Forge Village, as shown on plan of Thomas E. Symmes, accompanying this Report. No land damages are claimed or awarded by the reason of the laying out of said town way.

Estimated cost of building said town way, three hundred (300) dollars.

Said town way is reported to the town for their approval and acceptance.

Dated at Westford, Mass., this 17th day of April, A. D. 1891.

J. HENRY READ,  
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*

The foregoing report was accepted and adopted at a legal town meeting, held April 25, 1891.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

I hereby certify that according to the plan accompanying the foregoing report, the proposed town way mentioned on said plan, and in said report, is laid out forty feet wide, on the easterly side of the lines described on said plan, and in said report.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## FIRES IN 1891.

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April 8. Wooden dwelling house near Forge Village; owned by Jennie Reed; occupied by Ephraim Reed and family. Value, \$100. Totally destroyed. No insurance. Value of contents unknown; partially burned. Caused by spark from chimney dropping on roof.

May 10. Forest fire near Cold Spring. Twelve to fifteen acres burned over. Damage, \$200. Caught from the embers of a fire left by persons from Lowell, that had been built for the purpose of cooking fish that they had taken from Stony Brook during the night before. Owners, George W. Heywood and Charles H. Fletcher.

Aug. 21. Thirty acres of sprout land belonging to the estate of Josiah G. Abbot, situated in the north part of the town, burned over. Damage estimated at \$100. Supposed to have been set by persons picking berries.

Dec. 5. Wooden dwelling house near Unitarian meeting house. Owned by Edward E. Wright and Bancroft heirs. Occupied by Edward E. Wright, who perished in the flames. Value, \$500; totally consumed; insurance, \$450. Contents totally consumed; value, \$100; no insurance. Cause of fire, accidental, from the best information.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors of the Town of Westford submit the following report:

Value of buildings, exclusive of land, May 1, 1891...	\$513,265 00
Value of land, exclusive of buildings, May 1, 1891...	387,205 00
Value of personal estate, May 1, 1891.....	217,094 00
	\$1,117,564 00

Amount raised for:

Schools.....	\$4,500 00
Evening School.....	150 00
Roads and bridges.....	1,300 00
	\$5,950 00
State tax.....	870 00
County tax.....	933 89
Overlayings.....	313 47
	\$8,067 36

Number of polls.....	568
houses.....	458
horses.....	379
cows.....	817
sheep.....	25
Cattle other than cows.....	188
Swine.....	74
Fowls.....	5,240

Tax on one hundred dollars, 62 cents.

ASAPH B. CUTTER,  
GEORGE H. HARTFORD,  
*Assessors of Westford.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WESTFORD, MASS., March 1, 1892.

The treasurer of Westford submits the following report:

### RECEIPTS.

To balance cash on hand, Feb. 24, 1891.....	\$4,222 98
To cash borrowed.....	4,000 00
From State corporation tax, 1890, balance.....	11 71
State corporation tax, 1891.....	2,733 18
bank tax, 1891.....	701 43
soldiers' families, 1890.....	776 00
indigent soldiers, 1890.....	292 00
school fund, 1890-91.....	212 73
armory rent, 1891.....	175 00
county treasurer, 1891, dog tax.....	284 72
J. H. Wilson, janitor Town Hall.....	72 00
A. Fisher, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
J. S. Moulton, books sold and broken glass.....	3 17
I. E. Day, collector, 1888.....	593 19
I. E. Day, collector, 1889.....	141 75
Alec Fisher, collector, 1890.....	949 52
Alec Fisher, collector, before Oct. 5, 1891.....	5,994 51
Alec Fisher, collector, before Dec. 5.....	596 29
Alec Fisher, collector, after Dec. 5.....	134 40
Alec Fisher, interest on taxes.....	26 88
dividends on library funds.....	75 65
M. H. A. Evans, rent of Keyes' pond.....	20 00
Carrie E. Read, fines, town library.....	12 25
First district court fines.....	155 83
George Farrar, use of town team.....	8 00
Town of Groton, scholars' tuition.....	14 75
fees received from delinquent dog owners.....	3 50
Warren Gould, use of town team.....	9 60
N. L. Tuttle, use of town team.....	17 60
W. I. Association, use of town team.....	1 25
W. M. Whitney, use of town team.....	60
I. E. Day, on account of M. F. Downs' note.....	29 30

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\$22,271 79

## PAYMENTS.

By cash, interest on note .....	\$ 80 00
State tax, 1891 .....	870 00
county tax, 1891 .....	933 89
overseers of poor .....	2,438 28
orders for incidental expenses .....	9,451 47
on account of schools, 1891 .....	5,192 59
on account of library, 1891 .....	430 96
First National Bank, note due from M. F. Downs .....	40 80
on hand .....	2,833 80
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	\$22,271 79

NAHUM H. WRIGHT,

*Treasurer.*



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

#### TOWN TREASURER.

Nahum H. Wright, salary as town treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1891.....	\$50 00	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

#### TOWN CLERK.

Gilman J. Wright, salary.....	\$12 00	
Stationery and postage.....	1 41	
Express.....	4 50	
Labor, packing and crate for ballot box.	1 90	
Extra services before March meeting...	3 00	
Extra services before November meeting.	2 00	
Going to Groton to town clerks' meeting.	2 50	
Making report to town.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$29 31

#### SELECTMEN.

J. Henry Read, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Time and expense on Carville case.....	5 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	10 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$40 00
Sherman H. Fletcher, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Making out monthly state aid book.....	6 00	
Making out 24 state aid returns under Chaps. 279 and 301, Acts of 1889...	6 00	
Making out town report.....	6 00	
Time and expense perambulating town line between Westford and Groton, Tyngsborough, Carlisle, and Acton.	8 00	
Time and expense on Carville case.....	5 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	25 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$86 00

George W. Heywood, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Time and expense perambulating town line between Westford and Groton, Tyngsborough, Carlisle, and Acton,	8 00	
Time and expense on Carville case.....	5 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	20 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$58 00

## AUDITOR.

J. Henry Read, services 1891.....	\$6 00	
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## ASSESSORS.

Chas. L. Fletcher, 30 days' time taking in- voice and making taxes.....	\$75 00	
Going to Lowell, consulting counsel....	1 50	
Express.....	30	
	<hr/>	\$76 80
A. B. Cutter, 24 days' time taking invoice and making taxes.....	\$60 00	
	<hr/>	\$60 00
Geo. H. Hartford, 23½ days' time taking in- voice and making taxes.....	\$58 75	
	<hr/>	\$58 75

## TAX COLLECTOR.

Isaac E. Day, collecting \$309.03, at 1 per cent., after settlement 1891.....	\$3 09	
Collecting \$685.36, at 1 per cent., 1891- 92.....	6 85	
	<hr/>	\$9 94
Alec Fisher, collecting \$949.52 tax of 1890 at 9 mills.....	\$ 8 54	
Collecting \$26.98 interest tax of 1890, at 9 mills.....	24	
Collecting \$6725.20, tax of 1891 at 1 per cent.....	67 25	
	<hr/>	\$76 03

## CONSTABLES.

Isaac A. Day, posting warrants for three town meetings.....	\$12 00	
Expense of notifying and collecting dog licenses.....	10 50	
Serving two summons on John P. Green,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$24 00

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, TELLERS, AND INSPECTORS OF  
ELECTIONS.

F. L. Fletcher, attending ten registrars' meetings .....	\$20 00	
N. L. Tuttle, attending ten registrars' meetings .....	20 00	
W. O. Hawkes, attending ten registrars' meetings .....	20 00	
G. J. Wright, attending ten registrars' meetings .....	20 00	
services as clerk of the board .....	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$87 00

W. H. H. Burbeck, services as ballot clerk 1890 .....	\$5 00	
S. H. Fletcher, services as ballot clerk 1890, .....	5 00	
W. E. Frost, services as ballot clerk, March meeting.....	2 50	
F. P. Hawkes, services as ballot clerk, November meeting.....	3 00	
J. D. Wilson, services at ballot box, and teller November meeting.....	3 00	
L. C. Dane, services at ballot box, and teller November meeting.....	3 00	
W. E. Frost, services as teller November meeting.....	1 00	
A. B. Gould, services as teller November meeting.....	1 00	
J. C. Decatur, services as teller November meeting.....	1 00	
F. C. Drew, services as teller November meeting.....	1 00	
Dennis Driscoll, services as teller November meeting.....	1 00	
J. M. Fletcher, services as teller November meeting.....	1 00	
G. T. Day, services as teller November meeting.....	1 00	
A. P. Richardson, services as teller November meeting.....	1 00	
A. R. Leighton, services as teller November meeting.....	1 00	
E. G. Boynton, services as teller November meeting.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$31 50

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. S. Moulton, supt. winter term 1890-91.....	\$ 50 00	
Supt. spring and fall term 1891.....	100 00	
Making school report.....	10 00	
Services as book and supply agent.....	8 00	
Making return to State.....	2 00	
Team for transporting books.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$173 00

## TRUANT OFFICERS.

W. E. Parsons, services for year 1890.....	\$2 00	
E. De Roehn, services for three terms.....	4 00	
A. R. Choate, services and expenses.....	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$14 00

## APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

F. C. Drew, services and making schedule, 1891 .....	\$2 50	
W. M. Whitney, services 1891.....	2 00	
J. R. Pike, services and making schedule, '92.	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$7 00

## BINDING OLD RECORDS.

Paid Bacheller, Dumas & Co., as per bill....	\$55 50	
	<hr/>	\$55 50

## EXPENSE AT WELL AT TOWN HOUSE.

Paid H. E. Fletcher & Co. for one well stone, setting same, and setting stone trough	\$22 95	
George H. Holt, repair of pump.....	8 00	
George H. Holt, repair of pump, 1890..	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$32 95

## INSURANCE.

Paid Arthur Fenner, insuring Town Library for \$2,000 for five years.....	\$60 00	
Insuring Stony Brook school-house for \$1,200 for five years.....	27 00	
Insuring Forge Village school-house for \$2,500 for five years.....	56 25	
G. W. Coburn & Son, insuring Parker- ville school-house for \$1,000 for three years.....	10 00	
H. C. Church & Son, insuring Town House for \$3,000 for three years...	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$213 25

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid for keys for safe doors.....	\$ 2 27
A. P. Richardson, attending 23 funerals with hearse.....	46 00
C. E. Whidden, for teaming, freight, express, and telephone charges....	22 70
J. A. Healy, repair of wagon damaged on highway.....	7 50
George Tyler & Co., mold-board for road machine.....	30 00
One plough point for road plough.....	2 50
For scraper plates.....	16 00
Freight on mold-board.....	25
Marshall, Hamblett & Burke, legal ser- vices and expense, 1890.....	120 84
Bradley V. Wright, use of land for cavalry target practice, 1890-'91...	10 00
Greenough, Hopkins & Cushing, order books for road department.....	4 50
Bull & Chamberlin, damage to sleigh and harness on highway.....	10 00
For books for pauper register and blanks for Overseers of Poor.....	7 00
T. A. Bean, building stalls for horses...	2 00
J. A. Healy, teaming school furniture from old school-house at Graniteville.	8 00
Heywood & Fletcher, lumber for horse stalls.....	8 40
W. W. Johnson, teaming lumber, etc...	7 20
Wright & Fletcher, for nails, oil, rakes, etc.....	11 86
Wright & Fletcher, for paper, envelopes, books, postage stamps, etc., fur- nished town officers.....	27 80
For postage for mailing town reports, March, 1891.....	15 00
Wright & Fletcher, sundries, as per bill	15 40
William Reed, for rent of old school- house building from June 6, 1890, to May 6, 1891, for storage of school furniture.....	49 50
J. L. Moss, for twelve tin cases for town safe.....	4 00
J. H. Wilson, for labor about well at town house, and staining shingles..	7 50
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	<hr/> \$436 22



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$436 22
Paid J. T. Colburn, for mowing grass and brush and laying over wall at West Cemetery .....	8 00
Nielas Vicrest, guarding forest fire.....	1 50
N. L. Tuttle, repair of road machine....	21 00
John Feeney, for repairing and oiling harnesses, collars, and goods fur- nished as per bill .....	17 80
Joseph Sears, time and expense on the Carville case.....	2 00
C. Zimmer, for keys for town house....	1 20
J. R. Pike, dinner for election officers, Nov 3, 1891.....	5 00
D. W. Robbins, repairing plastering in town hall.....	6 00
W. C. Edwards, for repair of chimneys at town house, and stock furnished...	26 43
W. W. Johnson, guarding fire at Wright house.....	1 50
J. T. Colburn, guarding fire at Wright house.....	1 50
J. A. Healy, care of and killing glandered horse.....	4 00
F. E. Miller, repair of road scraper, shoe- ing horses, and irons furnished....	9 40
Wright & Fletcher, glass for town house,	4 09
Jesse A. Vilés, services on Carville case,	11 50
H. Chamberlain, expense of teaming hay,	5 48
W. J. Gould, for repair of road scraper, shoeing horses, and irons furnished,	55 76
For shovels, tree trimmer, axes, pails, etc., for use of road depart- ment .....	13 52
For stamped envelopes and stationery for use of collector and other town officers.....	15 56
Geo. F. Carkin, for teaming.....	1 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., returning 20 births 1890-91, under Chap. 158, Acts of 1883.....	5 00
J. F. Smith, M. D., returning 24 births 1891, under Chap. 158, Acts of 1883,	6 00
H. Chamberlain, care of horses Decem- ber and January.....	18 60
N. L. Tuttle, for whiffletree.....	40
5 hammer handles.....	90

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 \$679 36

## MILITARY AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

*As Authorized by Chap. 279, Acts of 1889.*

Paid January .....	\$36 00	
February .....	36 00	
March .....	36 00	
April .....	36 00	
May .....	36 00	
June .....	36 00	
July .....	22 00	
August .....	16 00	
September .....	22 00	
October .....	22 00	
November .....	22 00	
December .....	22 00	
	<hr/>	\$342 00

## STATE AID TO SOLDIERS AND SAILOR'S FAMILIES.

*As Authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1889.*

Paid January .....	68 50	
February .....	64 50	
March .....	61 50	
April .....	67 50	
May .....	63 50	
June .....	63 50	
July .....	71 50	
August .....	82 50	
September .....	86 50	
October .....	86 50	
November .....	88 00	
December .....	93 00	
	<hr/>	\$897 00

## GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

We submit the following report on Guide Posts and Guide Boards. We have found nearly all the guide posts and guide boards in good condition, excepting in a few places. These we have renewed either by repairing or putting up new ones. In a few places we bought and put up iron ones at a cost of fifty cents (50cts.) each, believing them on account of their durability cheaper than wooden ones. We have erected, repaired, or painted posts and boards at the following places: One at Manning's corner, near Littleton line; one at East Littleton station; one at B. F. Day's; one at corner of Sarah Cumming's road; six (iron) at east end of common, with iron post; one (iron) at Graniteville station, N., A. & B. R. R.; one (iron) near Hey-

wood & Burbeck's mill; four (iron) at corner of roads at Read Farm; two (iron) at corner of road east of Forge Village, on the Littleton road; two at E. A. Stevens'; one at Wilkerson corner, and repainted boards at west end of common, and near the Academy. We would recommend new boards at the following places, viz., at the Gilbert Parker place; cross road near Amos Leighton's; junction of roads near Samuel L. Taylor's; corner of roads near Perham place. There are other places, no doubt, where it would be of advantage to have posts erected for the benefit of the travelling public, which can be done during the coming year.

The following expenditures have been made:

Paid L. E. Wilkins for repairing and painting guide boards.....	\$6 13	
Berlin Iron Bridge Co., for one iron guide post .....	4 50	
Berlin Iron Bridge Co, for 14 iron guide boards .....	7 00	
freight and express.....	1 30	
W. M. Lee for one guide post and setting same .....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$19 93

#### EXPENSE OF PUTTING ON GUTTERS, SHINGLING, AND BUILDING FENCE AT SCHOOL HOUSES.

Under vote of the town at a meeting held April 25, 1891. The cementing of the cellar at the Centre school-house, shingling school-houses at Forge Village and Nabnassett, and building fence at Nashoba school-house was left in charge of the Selectmen. At the Centre school-house we found it not advisable to cement the cellar on account of the water from the roof draining into it. To prevent this we had galvanized gutters and conductors put on to the building and connected with drain pipe to carry the water away from the cellar. This, we think, will remedy the difficulty. At the Nashoba school-house we were authorized to build a wire fence, but we found that a portion of the old fence could be used, and it would be economy for the town to build a board fence. The following amounts have been expended in the several places:

##### CENTRE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Paid W. A Mack & Co., for 148 feet of galvanized Gutters.....	\$38 00	
W. A Mack & Co., for 50 feet cor. Conductors .....	10 00	
<i>Amount carried forward .....</i>	<hr/>	\$48 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$48 00	
Paid W. A. Mack & Co., for eight Elbows..	1 60	
W. A. Mack & Co., for 20 feet Soil Pipe	5 00	
W. A. Mack & Co., for 5 sheets tin....	1 00	
W. A. Mack & Co., for 1 day labor on windows .....	5 50	
Henry Chamberlain for grading and lay- ing drain pipe.....	6 00	
for 48 feet 4-inch drain pipe.....	4 32	
	<hr/>	\$71 42

## FENCE AT NASHOBA SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Paid Burnham, Forrest & Davis, for lumber	\$35 41	
A. & E. G. Spalding, 60 Posts.....	9 60	
W. W. Johnson, teaming posts.....	2 00	
for nails .....	2 06	
Gilmer Stone, building fences and team- ing .....	12 60	
	<hr/>	\$61 67

## SHINGLING FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Paid for 74 bunches California Red-wood shingles.....	\$74 00	
W. G. Howe, labor and material as per bill .....	55 46	
W. E. Parsons, teaming lumber and shingles .....	2 50	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight on shingles	2 72	
	<hr/>	\$134 68

## SHINGLING NABNASSET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Paid for 11 bunches California Red-wood shingles.....	\$11 00	
W. G. Howe for shingles, labor, etc., as per bill .....	83 96	
freight on shingles.....	25	
C. E. Whidden, teaming, etc.....	1 75	
W. E. Parsons, teaming, etc....	2 75	
Thomas Dunn, moving shingles and clean- ing yard .....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$103 71



# REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES AND ARTICLES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

## CENTRE SCHOOL-HOUSE — TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid Moss Bros., repair of stove pipe.....	\$ 1 00	
J. M. Fletcher, for broom.....	30	
George Drew, for labor, setting glass, repairing locks, ventilating boards, and glass furnished.....	11 60	
George Drew, for repairing fence, and lumber furnished.....	10 65	
George Drew, for rubber treads and tacks for stairs.....	15 28	
Wright & Fletcher, for 2 brooms.....	60	
	<hr/>	\$39 43

## STONY BROOK SCHOOL.

Paid for dust pan and coal sieve.....	\$ 85	
Moss Bros., for repair of stove.....	4 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for broom and brush,	60	
George Drew, for labor, ventilating boards, locks, glass, and iron threshold.....	9 45	
	<hr/>	15 40

## FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOL-HOUSE — TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid Hiram Dane, painting blackboard.....	\$2 25	
Moss Bros., for labor, zinc, and stove pipe,	5 94	
Wright & Bemis, for brooms, etc.....	3 60	
for nappie.....	09	
George Drew, for labor, wood box, threshold, and glass.....	5 65	
	<hr/>	17 53

## NASHOBA SCHOOL.

Paid for dipper, brooms, and crayons.....	\$ 50	
George Drew, for lock and painting blackboard.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	2 00

## PARKERVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid George Drew, for repairing clock.....	\$1 00	
George Drew, for 2 chairs.....	1 25	
George Drew, for setting glass and repairing pump.....	1 75	
George Drew, for labor and repairs.....	3 75	
for nails.....	60	
	<hr/>	8 35

<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<hr/>	\$82 71
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<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$82 71
MINOTT'S CORNER SCHOOL.		
Paid George Drew, for hinges and springs..	\$1 75	
George Drew, for repairing fence.....	75	
	<hr/>	2 50
NABNASSETT SCHOOL.		
Paid George Drew, for repairing fence and setting glass.....	\$1 50	
	<hr/>	1 50
LONG-SOUGHT-FOR SCHOOL.		
Paid for dust-pan and brush, coal shovel and broom.....	\$ 80	
F. H. Hildreth, for stove lining, etc....	1 50	
L. C. Dane, for easel.....	1 35	
	<hr/>	3 65
LYON SCHOOL.		
Paid George Drew, for repairing fence.....	\$ 1 80	
George Drew, for repairs, etc.....	6 37	
George H. Holt, for pump and cement..	16 25	
L. C. Dane, for repairs on locks, windows, etc. ....	3 85	
for dipper, dust-pan, and brush.....	50	
	<hr/>	28 77
GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL-HOUSE—FOUR SCHOOLS.		
Paid Wright & Bemis, for brooms, etc.....	\$2 06	
George Drew, for repairs.....	1 75	
	<hr/>	3 81
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		\$122 94
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.		
Paid George S. Perry, ink, paper, pencils, crayons, etc.....	\$43 17	
Silver, Burdette & Co., books.....	7 00	
Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn, books ....	3 33	
The American Book Co., books.....	46 35	
Lee & Sheppard, books....	13 87	
William Ware & Co., books.....	4 75	
D. C. Heath & Co., books.....	16 30	
Ginn & Co., books.....	6 95	
J. B. Lippincott Co., books.....	31 98	
H. S. Turner, printing.....	7 50	
G. F. King & Merrill, books, etc.....	1 20	
Boston School Supply Co., books.....	3 40	
C. W. Clark, books .....	1 00	
Prang Educational Co., books.....	28 05	
J. L. Hammett, books, ink-wells, etc....	8 46	
Interstate Publishing Co., books.....	1 80	
freight, express, etc., on books.....	5 71	
	<hr/>	\$230 82

## PRINTING.

## Paid Morning Mail Co.:

Blanks for town officers 1889.....	\$ 5 50
Tax bills, dog notices, etc., 1890....	8 00
500 bill heads.....	3 00
Paper ruled to order.....	65
650 copies Town and School Reports,	118 20
100 slips for warrants.....	1 00
700 ballots for March meeting.....	11 25
20 specimen ballots for March meet- ing. ....	1 50
25 extra copies School Report.....	1 50
200 cloth notices of Forest fire Act	6 00
70 lists of poll tax payers.....	14 75
1300 tax bills, registrars' notices, check lists, etc.....	28 30
100 warrants for town meetings....	5 00
Notices for breaking roads.....	1 75

## F. A. Frost &amp; Co.:

Dog licenses and letter heads.....	2 65
Bill heads.....	2 00

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 \$211 05

## REPAIRING AND PAINTING TOWN HOUSE.

By vote of the town the selectmen were authorized to repair and paint the Town House at an expense not exceeding one thousand (\$1000) dollars. Under the above vote the following expenditures have been made:

Paid W. G. Howe, for labor, material, and stock furnished, as per bill.....	\$570 05
J. M. Fletcher, for locks, sash weights, etc.....	4 10
W. A. Mack & Co., for galvanized gut- ters and labor, as per bill.....	21 00
W. A. Mack & Co., for tinning roof and stock furnished, as per bill.....	70 08
J. C. Butterfield, for 95½ day's labor painting building, two coats, \$191 00 Credit by paint stock and shingles.....	11 00
	<hr/> 180 00
Wright & Fletcher, for paint stock and shingle stain furnished, as per bill,	147 12
W. H. Brown, for gilding sign.....	3 75
	<hr/> \$996 10

## TOWN HOUSE.

## EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING, AND CARE OF SAME.

Paid J. H. Wilson, services as janitor from Feb. 1 to April 1, 1891.....	\$12 50	
J. H. Wilson, for sawing 19 ft. of wood,	1 68	
J. H. Wilson, services as janitor from April 1, 1891 to Feb. 1, 1892.....	83 40	
J. H. Wilson, work on well.....	3 00	
H. H. Wilder & Co., for stove for kitchen, with furniture.....	26 35	
H. H. Wilder & Co., for repair of furnace,	4 11	
S. B. Wright, for 9 feet wood.....	5 53	
Moss Bros., for repair of stove.....	5 05	
Moss Bros., for repair of boiler.....	25	
Wright & Fletcher, for 90 gals. kerosene oil.....	10 10	
J. M. Fletcher, for 60 gals. kerosene oil,	7 00	
W. W. Johnson, for 10,630 lbs. coal...	33 37	
C. E. Whidden, for coal.....	1 10	
T. E. Symmes, surveying for drain.....	65	
for zinc.....	32	
	<hr/>	\$194 41

## INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of Armory received from State.....	\$175 00	
Received for rent of building.....	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$247 00

EXPENSE OF TOWN LIBRARY, INCLUDING SERVICES  
OF LIBRARIAN.

Paid Carrie E. Read, services as librarian from Feb. 1, 1891 to Feb. 1, 1892..	\$75 00	
Carrie E. Read, for extra work.....	12 95	
George Drew, for lumber and labor for new shelves.....	46 89	
Moss Bros., for repair of stove and fun- nel.....	1 00	
for clock.....	4 00	
for blank book, chimnies, etc.....	37	
W. E. Frost, for printing.....	75	
	<hr/>	\$140 96

## NEW ROAD AT STATION ON N., A. &amp; B. R. R.

At a meeting held April 25, 1891, the Town voted to accept and adopt the report of the Selectmen in favor of laying out a town way

near Westford station, on Nashua, Acton & Boston R. R., as petitioned for by George T. Day and others, and the following amount has been expended. Appropriation \$300.

Paid T. E. Symmes, for surveying and calculating filling, and making plan . . . .	\$ 6 00	
A. & E. G. Spalding, for 25 posts . . . . .	4 00	
Henry Chamberlain, with town teams and others, for labor . . . . .	276 12	
	<hr/>	\$286 12

### HOWARD ROAD.

At a meeting held April 25, 1891, the following vote was passed: "Voted, To leave the matter of the widening, straightening, and repairing of the road leading from the house of N. B. Blood, by house of E. H. Flagg, to Littleton line, as petitioned for by C. L. Howard and others, with the Selectmen, and that three hundred (\$300) dollars be raised to defray the expense of said repairs, widening and straightening." Under the above vote the following amount has been paid:

Paid Henry Chamberlain, with town teams and others, for labor . . . . .	\$296 00	
Wm. Nichols & Co., for dualin, etc . . . . .	3 87	
for drain pipe . . . . .	6 00	
M. K. Fletcher, for gravel . . . . .	90	
	<hr/>	\$306 77

### REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

In accordance with Chap. 98, Acts of 1889, the Selectmen appointed Henry Chamberlain Superintendent of Streets. Upon taking charge of the roads the Selectmen made arrangements with the Board of Overseers of the Poor to furnish two teams of two horses each for work. After a month's trial we became satisfied that on account of keeping the teams at the Town Farm, which required so much travel, the Town was not getting its equivalent for the money expended. Upon consultation with the Board of Overseers of the Poor, it was decided to take one team of two horses under our control, and to keep them in the center of the town. Arrangements were also made with Benjamin F. Day to furnish one pair of horses in addition. By this arrangement the men and teams were at work at 7 o'clock A. M., and accomplished a full day's work. The following expenditures have been made. Amount of appropriation, \$3,000. The following bills were paid under the approval of Edward Prescott, Superintendent for 1890:



Paid John O'Brien, 2d, for labor and material.	\$ 8 00	
W. F. Balch, for labor and material....	5 00	
Alvan Fisher, for gravel.....	7 50	
John O'Brien, 1st, labor.....	2 10	
Edward Prescott, Superintendent, time and expense February and March...	11 90	
	<hr/>	\$34 50

The following bills were paid under approval of Henry Chamberlain, Superintendent 1891 :

March :

Overseers of Poor, for teams.....	\$48 00	
A. B. Sherwood, labor .....	9 00	
E. H. Holt, labor.....	10 50	
Henry Chamberlain, Superintendent....	21 00	
	<hr/>	\$88 50

April:

E. H. Holt, labor .....	\$ 36 00	
A. B. Sherwood, labor.....	36 00	
James Barlow, labor.....	20 63	
Niclas Vicrest, labor.....	28 50	
Frederick Martin, labor.....	1 00	
R. J. Butterfield, gravel. ....	7 95	
Henry Chamberlain, Superintendent....	71 50	
Overseers of Poor, for teams.....	192 00	
B. F. Day, team.....	35 00	
John O'Brien, 1st, labor .....	7 70	
	<hr/>	\$436 28

May:

A. B. Cutter, hay.....	\$16 46	
Drain pipe.....	65 00	
C. H. Wright, team.....	24 00	
M. K. Fletcher, labor.....	1 50	
J. C. Rogers, labor.....	16 00	
D. E. Atwood, team.....	5 50	
John Lincoln, labor.....	7 50	
S. B. Wright, team.....	32 00	
S. B. Wright, hay....	2 48	
C. A. Harris, labor.....	12 00	
E. H. Holt, labor.....	30 00	
A. B. Sherwood, labor.....	36 37	
Julian Wilkerson, labor .....	36 37	
Niclas Vicrest, labor.....	36 37	
Robert O'Dell, labor.....	30 00	
B. F. Day, team .....	53 00	

<i>Amount carried forward .....</i>	<hr/>	\$404 55
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*Amount brought forward*..... \$404 55

May (continued):

W. W. Johnson, team.....	24 00
B. F. Day, gravel.....	7 50
B. F. Day, gravelling 59½ rods of road..	77 35
B. F. Day, extra work.....	65
Samuel L. Taylor, gravel.....	2 30
Henry Chamberlain, Superintendent....	69 00
Board for J. C. Rogers.....	10 85
Overseers of Poor, teams.....	60 00

                     \$656 20

June:

Burnham, Forrest & Davis, lumber for railing .....	\$37 68
Jerry Desmond, team.....	3 00
C H. Bicknell, labor.....	6 15
Wright & Fletcher, grain and powder..	19 63
Drain pipe.....	23 03
Jerry Desmond, labor.....	1 00
E. H. Holt, labor.....	40 00
B. F. Day, team.....	92 00
Elisha Case, labor.....	34 88
Robert O'Dell, labor.....	33 00
A. B. Sherwood, labor.....	34 50
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	37 00
A. Healey, labor.....	3 00
Niclas Vicrest, labor.....	35 25
Henry Chamberlain, Superintendent....	60 00
Heywood & Burbeck, grain.....	32 95

                     \$493 07

July:

Elisha Case, labor.....	\$ 4 50
A. B. Sherwood, labor.....	3 00
G. H. Kimball, labor.....	6 00
M. Hennesey, labor.....	30
Arthur Wilson, labor.....	1 50
E. H. Holt, labor.....	40 00
Niclas Vicrest, labor.....	37 50
James Harrington, labor.....	6 00
A. Healey, labor.....	31 87
Robert O'Dell, labor.....	6 00
E. Smedy, labor.....	12 75
B. F. Day, team.....	28 00
Reuben Butterfield, gravel.....	4 15

*Amount carried forward*..... \$181 57

*Amount brought forward* ..... \$181 57

July (continued):

W. F. Balch, labor and gravel.....	12 00
I. H. Giles, gravel.....	3 85
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	37 50
Drain pipe.....	75 60
J. H. Wilson, labor.....	3 00
Henry Chamberlain, Superintendent....	75 00
Heywood & Burbeck, grain.....	19 55

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\$408 07

August:

Julian Whitney, labor.....	\$ 12 00
E. H. Holt, labor.....	40 00
Hiram Leland, gravel.....	2 10
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	36 00
Niclas Vicrest, labor.....	31 12
Robert O'Dell, labor.....	35 62
A. Healey, labor.....	34 12
B. F. Day, team.....	100 00
E. Smedy, labor.....	35 62
James Harrington, labor.....	34 87
J. H. Whitney, labor.....	1 50
J. H. Wilson, labor.....	10 50
Henry Chamberlain, Superintendent....	72 50
Heywood & Fletcher, gravel.....	5 00
Heywood & Burbeck, grain.....	16 65

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\$467 60

September:

H. A. Hildreth, hay.....	\$27 92
Julian Whitney, labor.....	4 87
W. L. Butterworth, gravel and grain....	8 10
H. E. Fletcher & Co., labor and material furnished.....	83 10
W. C. Edwards, team.....	16 00
R. J. Butterfield, gravel.....	6 70
Heywood & Burbeck, grain.....	21 55
S. B. Wright, teaming hay.....	3 44
Joseph Whitney, labor.....	85

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\$172 53

October:

John Martin, labor.....	\$ 3 00
W. M. Lee, gravel.....	1 50
Heywood & Burbeck grain.....	20 30
Gilmer Stone, labor.....	6 50
S. B. Wright, team.....	2 00

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\$33 30

## November:

M. J. Wood, labor.....	\$ 1 50	
W. L. Butterworth, old railroad ties for culvert.....	1 40	
James O'Brien, labor.....	9 00	
James Spinner, labor.....	10 50	
Henry Chamberlain, Superintendent....	34 00	
Hay and bedding.....	11 30	
W. W. Johnson, team.....	8 00	
E. H. Holt, labor.....	40 00	
Heywood & Fletcher, gravel.....	5 00	
Heywood & Burbeck, grain.....	17 35	
	<hr/>	\$138 05

## December:

John Manuel, jr., team.....	\$20 00	
Benj. M. Fletcher, labor.....	3 38	
H. A. Hildreth, hay.....	46 00	
Gilmer Stone, labor.....	5 00	
James H. O'Brien, labor, and use of drill,	5 00	
Heywood & Burbeck, grain.....	7 45	
	<hr/>	\$86 83

## January:

Henry Chamberlain, labor.....	\$13 42	
Heywood & Burbeck, grain.....	8 40	
	<hr/>	\$21 82

Making the total amount expended \$3,036.75. Of this amount \$34.50 was paid on last year's bills. The sum of \$37.05 was earned by the team, from individuals, the amount being turned over to the Town Treasurer, leaving the actual expense of the highways this year \$2965.20

Schedule of property belonging to the town, in charge of the Board of Selectmen, for use of the road department:

2 horses, 1 set heavy harnesses, 2 carts, 4 whiffletrees, 1 evener and spreader, 2 picks, 3 iron bars, 4 chains, 1 stone puller and stone tools, 2 horse blankets, 1 bush scythe, and snath, 2 feed bags, 1 zinc water pail, 1 large hoe, 1 road plow, 1 stone drag, 1 tool box, 10 iron rakes, 1 screen, 1 tree trimmer, 1 card and brush, 1 neck yoke, 1 horse pail, 1 axe, 2 lanterns, 1 wagon jack, 2 shovels.

## BREAKING ROADS.

Paid John O'Brien, March, 1890.....	\$4 13	
Samuel F. Putney, March, 1890.....	75	
M. F. Downs, March, 1890.....	9 70	
C. F. Shugrue, March, 1890.....	3 30	
	<hr/>	\$17 88

Paid Hiram Dane, March, 1891.....	\$13 22
John P. Felch, March, 1891 .....	10 55
C. E. Whidden, March, 1891.....	1 50
Wilson Brothers, March, 1891.....	6 00
C. M. Griffin, March, 1891.....	5 00
Gilmer Stone, March, 1891.....	2 80
Angus McDonald, March, 1891.....	6 00
E. A. Stevens, March, 1891.....	4 00
John O'Brien, 2d, Jan. and March, 1891	9 20
M. F. Downs, Jan. and March, 1891....	25 60
J. F. Sweetzer, March, 1891.....	2 75
F. Seifer, March, 1891.....	1 35
H. B. Ruiter, March, 1891.....	29 13
G. F. Carkin, March, 1891.....	15 67
S. B. Wright, March, 1891.....	2 60
C. H. Bicknell, March, 1891.....	60
W. W. Johnson, March, 1891.....	13 10
J. Desmond, March, 1891 .....	5 15
F. H. Hildreth, March, 1891.....	90
J. H. Whitney, March, 1891.....	1 35
F. E. Miller, March, 1891.....	1 35
E. H. Keyes, March, 1891.....	9 60
W. C. Edwards, March, 1891.....	2 60
C. F. Shugrue, March, 1891. ....	9 10
J. W. Day & Son, March, 1891.....	4 10
W. F. Seifer, March, 1891.....	1 20
W. M. Vose, March, 1891.....	12 32
E. H. Flagg, March, 1891.....	2 40
John Wayne, March, 1891.....	4 13
J. A. Healey, March, 1891.....	7 35
J. F. Murphy, March, 1891.....	4 50
Dennis Burke, March, 1891.....	83
Lucien O. Butterfield, March, 1891.....	3 75
John O'Brien, March, 1891.....	5 50
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	\$225 20

ORDERS DRAWN BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1892.

April, 1891, by order.....	\$ 463 11
May, 1891, by order.....	431 05
November, 1891, by order.....	426 69
February, 1892, by order.....	1117 43
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	\$2,438 28

## TAXES ORDERED AS ERRORS.

1889.	E. F. Dufort.....	\$ 2 00	
	E. B. Maglathlin.....	2 00	
	Geo. W. Polley.....	2 00	
1890.	Daniel Gage.....	11 20	
	H. O. Keyes.....	5 60	
1891.	Geo. W. Blodgett.....	2 00	
	William Comey, heirs of.....	2 00	
	John W. Day.....	03	
	Israel Giles.....	02	
	Alvin G. Polley.....	02	
	Carver Symmes.....	1 00	
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			\$27 87

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1886.	Joseph Whitney.....	\$ 39	
	George W. Ingalls.....	2 39	
1887.	Joseph Whitney.....	33	
	Geo. R. Gay.....	99	
	E. A. Hamlin.....	2 00	
1888.	Chas. H. Hall.....	2 00	
	Geo. W. Ingalls.....	2 81	
	William Jolly.....	2 00	
	Geo. A. Leland.....	50	
	Geo. A. Perham.....	1 20	
	Willard T. Reed.....	2 00	
	Joseph Whitney.....	2 38	
	Geo. R. Gay.....	1 26	
1889.	William Collier.....	2 00	
	Joseph Gauthier.....	2 00	
	William Fifield.....	2 00	
	E. A. Hamlin.....	2 00	
	Chas. H. Hall.....	2 00	
	Geo. W. Ingalls.....	57	
	William Jolly.....	2 00	
	G. A. Perham.....	2 38	
	R. W. Polley.....	2 00	
	Daniel Casey.....	2 00	
	Alvarado Shaw.....	2 00	
	Joseph Whitney.....	2 38	
1890.	Frank Andrews.....	2 00	
	George Arthur.....	2 00	
	Henry Abel.....	2 00	
	Horace Abel.....	2 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>			\$51 58



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$51 58
1890. D. N. Atwood.....	2 00
G. L. Bennett.....	2 00
Edgar Bennett.....	2 00
Samuel Billings.....	2 00
Henry Blodgett.....	2 00
Joseph Bovet.....	2 00
John H. Brown.....	2 00
Thomas Brophy.....	2 00
Joseph Bouther.....	2 00
John Beauford.....	2 00
Harry Catchpole.....	2 00
Thomas Carrick.....	2 00
Ralph Clement.....	2 00
William Collier.....	2 00
William Davis.....	2 00
Chas. F. DeRoehan.....	2 00
Robert Dugdale.....	2 00
Earnest Dufort.....	2 00
Geo. F. Edwards.....	2 00
Chas. H. Fiske.....	2 00
George Frazier.....	2 00
William Fifield.....	2 00
Joseph Gauthier.....	2 22
Telesfor Garceaux.....	2 00
Oscar Gray.....	2 00
William Haley.....	2 00
Samuel Healy.....	2 00
Geo. H. Heald.....	2 00
Henry R. Heald.....	2 00
Geo. C. Hill.....	2 00
William Jolly.....	2 00
Theophilus Jones.....	2 00
John Libland.....	2 00
Michael Leary.....	2 00
John Lincoln.....	2 00
Charles Lannigan.....	2 00
James McDonald.....	2 00
Frank Manners.....	2 00
Robert McNorton.....	2 00
Joseph Millian.....	2 00
Joseph Moran.....	2 00
John Morrill.....	2 00
Stephen H. Nutting.....	2 00
George P. O'Connor.....	2 00
George W. Polley.....	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$141 80

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$141 80
1890. John Parker.....	2 00
A. J. Quist.....	2 00
Alvarado Shaw.....	2 00
Peter Stanhope.....	2 00
Patrick Scanlan.....	2 00
Edward Whipple.....	2 00
Chas. A. Wright.....	2 00
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	\$155 80

### SHADE TREES.

A committee from the Westford Improvement Association appeared before the Board of Selectmen and asked the co-operation of the Board in regard to designating and preserving shade trees on the highways, under the law enacted in 1890. Application was made to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture for 5,000 (M) spikes, which were received late in the year. These were distributed to competent persons for the purpose of marking trees. A copy of the law was also printed and posted, calling attention to the law and its penalties. A large majority of the public are heartily in favor of preserving and encouraging the planting of suitable shade trees, and the law has been generally complied with.

### FOREST FIRES.

We can not urge too strongly upon every one to take every precaution to prevent fires on timber and sprout land. We have been fairly fortunate in having but two fires of this character during the year that has been reported to us by the forest fire-wards. The great trouble is in knowing by whom they are set, to get any damage or to make complaint against. Many are set by carelessness or irresponsible persons. Parties from Lowell and others who hunt and fish through our woods and in our streams build fires and leave the embers to be fanned by the wind and blown over the land, which are liable to do incalculable damage to the growing wood. Copies of the law, with its penalties, have been printed and thoroughly posted throughout the town.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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WESTFORD, MASS., March 1, 1892.

The Selectmen submit the following statement, showing the financial condition of the town, as taken from the Treasurer's books and other sources :

### RESOURCES.

Due for State Aid to soldiers' families.....	\$ 897 00
Due for Military Aid to indigent soldiers.....	171 00
Taxes of 1888 remaining uncollected .....	133 56
Taxes of 1889 remaining uncollected .....	1,823 19
Taxes of 1890 remaining uncollected .....	516 46
Taxes of 1891 remaining uncollected .....	1,021 02
Due from M. F. Downs, balance of note .....	11 50
Balance of cash in treasury date of Auditor's report....	2,833 80
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	\$7,407 53

### LIABILITIES.

Note, First National Bank, Lowell.....	4,000 00
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Balance in favor of the town.....	\$3,407 53

Number of orders drawn on Town Treasurer, 351.

Total amount of orders, \$11,889.75.

J. HENRY READ,  
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1892:

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING  
FARMING TOOLS, BY APPRAISAL BY THE COMMITTEE, ALSO  
THE AMOUNT TRANSFERRED TO THE SELECTMEN.

Feb. 7, 1891.....		\$3,383 70
Feb. 1, 1892.....	\$2,499 30	
Amount transferred to the Selectmen.....	590 50	
	<hr/>	3,089 80
Loss on personal property.....		<hr/> \$293 90

### RECEIPTS.

Received for breaking roads.....	\$ 29 13
milk .....	707 00
work on roads.....	300 00
two horses.....	162 00
horse collar.....	3 50
beef .....	35 29
potatoes .....	84 10
cranberries .....	13 12
calves .....	39 00
two cows.....	26 50
pickles.....	5 45
beans .....	10 57
pork.....	69 04
use of bull.....	6 00
peas .....	35 01
eggs.....	10 72
beets.....	7 15
onions.....	24 64

*Amount carried forward.....* \$1,568 22

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$1,568 22	
Received for cabbages .....	4 45	
harnesses .....	27 00	
old wheels .....	3 00	
tomatoes .....	2 00	
cucumbers .....	1 05	
apples .....	4 00	
labor .....	6 00	
hand-sled .....	1 25	
wrench .....	50	
sundries .....	6 08	
board of John P. Green .....	54 00	
two bulls .....	58 50	
indigent soldiers .....	240 00	
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		\$1976 05

## PAYMENTS.

Paid for cows .....	\$125 00	
T. Carney .....	6 00	
H. B. Ruiter, one year's salary .....	450 00	
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on inmates of the almshouse .....	5 70	
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on inmates at almshouse .....	4 50	
lime and brick .....	3 33	
hay .....	35 74	
grain .....	575 97	
express .....	25	
J. P. Green .....	3 00	
use of barn, hay, etc. ....	7 25	
groceries .....	419 35	
sundries .....	2 97	
fertilizer .....	4 95	
blacksmith work .....	23 65	
meat .....	83 85	
turkeys .....	9 78	
windows, door, and blind .....	4 50	
clothing .....	7 00	
car fare .....	3 12	
labor .....	599 25	
fish .....	17 03	
soap .....	6 08	
house paper .....	4 20	
lime and hair .....	2 45	

*Amount carried forward* ..... \$2,404 92



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$2,404 92	
Paid for trowels.....	1 50	
medicine.....	4 55	
crockery.....	80	
horse net.....	1 50	
force pump.....	2 00	
window shades.....	1 56	
freight.....	1 00	
butter.....	2 60	
clothes wringer.....	1 50	
crackers.....	25 47	
carpenter's work.....	9 18	
lumber.....	9 09	
paint and glass.....	7 27	
mason work.....	22 00	
boiler and stove lining.....	5 65	
onion seed and sets.....	2 50	
parsnips and meat fork.....	1 10	
doctoring a hog.....	1 00	
goods bought of Bartlett & Dow...	10 80	
milking tube.....	25	
harness work.....	12 43	
tin ware.....	4 32	
tea and coffee.....	13 70	
plaster.....	1 55	
drag plank.....	3 12	
screen doors.....	7 55	
lounge.....	1 25	
hand sled.....	1 25	
chains.....	50	
coal.....	12 26	
squash.....	3 25	
sheeting.....	1 75	
pasturing two cows.....	8 00	
blanket.....	1 00	
butchering.....	1 00	
axe.....	1 00	
making cider.....	2 43	
pigs.....	7 50	
butchering.....	4 00	
labor.....	50 00	
loss on personal property.....	293 90	
	<hr/>	\$2,948 00
Deduct income from the farm.....	\$1,976 05	
Cash in H. B. Ruiter's hands.....	381 95	
Expense of keeping 379 tramps.....	94 75	
	<hr/>	2,452 75
Leaves the cost of supporting the poor inside the almshouse.....		<hr/> \$495 25

# COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for coffin for Nicholas Vicarest's child.	\$ 6 00
for necessities furnished Jane A.L. Patch	38 50
for necessities furnished John W. Raymond.....	15 00
City of Cambridge for Varnum Fletcher	2 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Patrick O'Tool.....	41 55
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Mary Wright.....	30 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Owen Trainor.....	1 50
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. George Austin.....	7 25
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on C. J. Searles.....	2 40
Hospital bills for Mary A. Quinn, Lettice J. Reed, John W. Raymond, A. H. Woodward, Rufus Keyes, and Elizabeth Lord.....	795 78
Drucilla Lord, for care of Mary Gannon,	31 00
J. C. Irish, M. D., for medical attendance on Mary Gannon.....	120 00
for nursing Mary Gannon.....	15 00
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Mary Gannon.....	90 00
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Sarah J. Ingalls.....	60 00
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on J. McNaughton.....	10 50
J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance, family of Nichlos Vicarest..	22 50
Wright & Bemis for clothing for truant boy.....	4 45
Wright & Bemis, for goods furnished Mrs Wilkerson.....	78 00
City of Lowell for Thomas O'Farrell..	50 70
City of Lowell for Margaret Casey and child .....	33 80
City of Lowell for Bridget Larkin....	6 05
for aid rendered J. Wilkerson's family over and above his work on the roads and farm.....	29 78
stationery and postage stamps.....	2 34
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$1,494 10</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$1,494 10	
Paid W. F. Balch for services as Overseer of the Poor .....	10 00	
Hammet Wright for services as Overseer of the Poor.....	10 00	
Edward Prescott for time spent about the burial of Nichlos Vicarest's child.....	2 00	
Edward Prescott for going twice to Boston on account of pension business.	8 50	
Edward Prescott for expense in burying Esther Robbins.....	3 00	
Edward Prescott for making out report to State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity.....	5 00	
Edward Prescott for making out report to the town.....	5 00	
Edward Prescott for services as Overseer of the Poor.....	10 00	
Wright & Bemis for goods furnished J. Wilkerson's family in 1886 and 1887	76 15	
goods furnished Patrick O'Tool.....	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,695 75
Received from the Town of Tyngsboro on account of Sarah J. Ingalls and W. McNaughton .....	\$70 50	
from the Town of Ayer. on account of Mrs. G. A. Austin.....	7 25	
from the State Treasurer on account of State paupers.....	27 00	
from City of Lowell on account of Mary Gannon.....	256 00	
	<hr/>	360 75
Expense of Poor outside of the almshouse.		\$1,335 00

## STATEMENT.

Cash in the hands of the master of the almshouse at last settlement.....	\$39 67	
Cash drawn from the Town Treasurer.....	2,438 28	
	<hr/>	\$2,477 95
Cash in master of the almshouse hands.....	\$381 95	
Cash in hands of Overseers of the Poor....	24 85	
	<hr/>	406 80
Cost of supporting the poor, exclusive of interest on the farm .....		\$2,071 15

Number supported in the almshouse . . . . .	4
Average number . . . . .	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Number receiving two meals and lodging . . . . .	380
Number receiving assistance outside of the almshouse	25

EDWARD PRESCOTT.

WAYLAND F. BALCH.

HAMMETT WRIGHT.

*Overseers of the Poor.*

# APPRAISAL OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY

AT THE ALMSHOUSE IN WESTFORD, MASS., JAN. 30, 1892.

2 horses.....	\$250 00	1 drag rake.....	50
12 cows.....	360 00	1 stone drag.....	5 00
5 harnesses.....	53 00	4 plows.....	32 00
3 halters.....	2 00	2 cultivators.....	7 00
Currycombs and brushes.	3 00	1 wheel harrow.....	30 00
1 wolf robe.....	3 00	1 corn planter.....	10 00
3 horse blankets.....	4 00	9 rakes.....	1 50
2 feed bags.....	1 50	1 chain.....	75
5 feed boxes.....	1 25	2 iron bars.....	2 50
14 tons English hay.....	252 00	6 garden hoes.....	1 50
½ ton straw.....	4 00	Picks and handles.....	4 00
2 tons meadow hay.....	14 00	14 shovels.....	7 00
10 tons ensilage.....	50 00	2 bush hooks.....	1 00
2 bags shorts.....	4 00	1 iron rake.....	25
1 bag oats.....	1 45	7 scythes and snathes...	5 00
4 bags meal.....	5 00	5 potato diggers.....	1 50
1 ton corn fodder.....	5 00	1 grindstone.....	3 00
3 bushels corn.....	2 25	1 mowing machine.....	20 00
2 bushels wheat.....	1 85	1 corn sheller....	2 00
2 sets of measures.....	2 00	Fanning mill.....	3 00
2 flails.....	50	5 ladders.....	4 00
8 hay forks.....	2 75	3 tubs.....	1 00
Meal bags and sacks.....	1 00	1 apple picker.....	25
Machine oil.....	50	Corn cutter.....	50
2 horse muzzles.....	1 00	8 bushel baskets.....	2 00
Wrenches and hammers..	2 50	Ditching knife.....	1 00
1 ensilage cutter.....	35 00	Grub hoes.....	1 00
1 express wagon.....	20 00	1 wagon jack.....	25
1 milk wagon.....	15 00	1 wagon pole.....	2 00
1 sleigh.....	8 00	Neck yoke and eveners...	7 00
1 whip.....	25	1 ox yoke.....	50
Ropes and pulleys.....	30 0	Old iron.....	75
1 feed cutter.....	1 00	8 bushels beans.....	20 00
1 hay knife.....	50	Grass seed.....	2 00
Water trough.....	10 00	Pop corn.....	3 00
Sleigh bells.....	1 50	1 iron water pail.....	50
1 cow bell.....	50	7 manure forks.....	3 50
2 two-horse sleds.....	60 00	1 coal sifter.....	50
1 one-horse sled.....	8 00	10 lbs. wire.....	75
3 carts.....	125 00	29 cords of wood.....	135 00
1 pung.....	5 00	Lumber.....	25 00
1 hay wagon.....	35 00	1 ton coal.....	6 00
1 farm wagon.....	10 00	3 shoats.....	12 00
1 wheelbarrow.....	1 00	50 fowls.....	25 00
1 horse rake.....	20 00	1 range.....	20 00
1 roller.....	6 00	4 stoves.....	15 00



Carpet .....	10 00	Injection pipe.....	1 00
10 beds, bedding, etc....	275 00	5 padlocks and chains....	2 50
6 tables.....	3 00	3 lanterns.....	2 00
1 extension table.....	6 00	2 clothes baskets.....	1 00
3 light-stands.....	1 00	3 clothes lines.....	50
30 curtains and fixtures..	12 00	Clothes pins.....	15
1 chamber set.....	10 00	2 wash boards.....	1 00
1 cabinet chair.....	1 00	Clothes dryers.....	50
24 chairs.....	13 00	2 wash boilers.....	4 50
5 rocking chairs.....	75	1 washing machine.....	1 00
1 sick chair.....	75	5 wash tubs.....	2 50
1 bed pan.....	75	2 clothes wringers.....	2 00
1 lounge.....	1 25	Set of wood bowls.....	75
1 cradle.....	1 00	4 apple parers.....	75
Window and door screens..	11 00	1 meat cutter.....	2 50
6 looking glasses.....	1 50	Ice tongs.....	1 25
Shovel and tongs.....	1 00	5 chests and drawers.....	4 00
1 castor.....	50	3 cranberry rakes.....	4 00
2 sieves.....	75	Cheese press.....	25
1 dinner bell.....	50	Branding iron.....	1 50
1 steelyard.....	1 75	2 chests.....	75
2 porcelain kettles.....	1 00	4 axes.....	3 00
1 copper kettle.....	1 75	2 saw horses.....	1 00
2 chopping knives & tray..	75	Carpenter's tools.....	13 00
Stoneware.....	1 75	5 wood saws.....	2 00
Tinware.....	30 00	1 cross-cut saw.....	2 00
Crockery.....	13 00	Mason's tools.....	1 75
Knives, forks and spoons..	5 00	2 whitewash brushes.....	1 50
3 brooms.....	50	1 step ladder.....	1 25
2 mops.....	50	Window blind.....	1 00
Slop pail.....	30	8 tubs.....	40
2 dozen Mason jars.....	2 00	90 bars soap.....	3 50
2 dozen candles.....	50	2 clocks.....	4 00
1 barrel flour.....	6 00	1 fly trap.....	15
Spices and box.....	2 00	1 force pump.....	2 00
2 pounds tea.....	1 00	Window glass.....	60
2 pounds coffee.....	60	2 oil cans.....	2 00
1 pound soda.....	05	10 pounds resin.....	25
½ pound cream tartar....	20	20 gallons soft soap....	2 00
½ barrel crackers.....	1 25	10 gallons pickles.....	3 00
2 gallons of maple syrup..	2 00	500 pounds pork.....	45 00
150 lbs. granulated sugar.	6 75	100 bushels potatoes....	50 00
Extracts.....	75	Onions.....	2 00
3 pounds raisins.....	30	60 jars preserves.....	20 00
12 pounds cheese.....	1 50	2 traps.....	50
60 pounds lard.....	6 00	24 empty cider barrels...	5 00
55 pounds butter.....	16 50	20 flour barrels.....	2 00
7 candle sticks.....	75	1 churn.....	1 50
Candle moulds.....	1 00	45 gallons of vinegar....	4 50
6 lamps.....	2 00	1 barrel of cider.....	4 50
Table linen and towels...	7 00		
2 water pails.....	50		
5 Flatirons.....	1 50		

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\$2,499 30

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,  
JOHN R. PIKE,  
ALVAN FISHER,

*Appraisers of Property.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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WESTFORD, MASS., March 1, 1892.

GENTLEMEN—I hereby certify that I have made a full and thorough inspection of the accounts of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectmen, and Overseers of the Poor, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. W. GOODE, *Auditor.*

TO MESSRS. J. HENRY READ.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,

*Selectmen of Westford.*

## LIST OF JURORS, 1892.

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The following names will be reported at the annual March meeting, to be placed in the Jury Box, subject to revision by the town:

HAMMETT D. WRIGHT.  
WILLIAM M. LEE.  
ISAAC W. CARKIN.  
SAMUEL G. HUMISTON.  
AUGUSTUS BUNCE.  
GEO. H. HARTFORD.  
GEO. W. BUSSEY.  
HORACE E. GOULD.  
THEODORE H. HAMBLET.  
FRANK H. HILDRETH.  
CHARLES M. GRIFFIN.  
LEWIS C. DANE.

GEORGE T. DAY.  
MELBOURNE F. HUTCHINS.  
ALVIN G. POLLEY.  
FRANCIS L. FLETCHER.  
HIRAM WHITNEY.  
GEORGE F. CARKIN.  
JAMES H. O'BRIEN.  
ELBERT H. FLAGG.  
FRANK W. BANISTER.  
WILBERT E. PARSONS.  
J. EVERETT WOODS.  
WAYLAND F. BALCH.

J. HENRY READ,  
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,

*Selectmen of Westford.*

WESTFORD, MASS., Feb. 16, 1892.

**WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,  
MARCH 21, 1892.**

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
MIDDLESEX SS.

*To ISAAC E. DAY, one of the Constables of the Town of  
Westford, in said County,* GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday, the twenty-first day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at eight o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at eight o'clock A. M., and closed at one o'clock P. M.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2d. To see if the town will determine the compensation for the Tax Collector hereafter, or act in relation to the same.
- 3d. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, one Selectman for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, one Overseer of the Poor for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, one Assessor for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, Town Treasurer, one School Committee for one year, and two for three years, two Constables, one Trustee of the Town Library for three years, Collector of Taxes, one Auditor, also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.

- 5th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the Trustees of the Town Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To see if the town will accept the report of the Auditor appointed to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, or act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money for Public Schools.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for the support of the Poor.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money to defray town debts and charges, or act in relation to the same.
- 15th. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time to meet the demands on the treasury, or act in relation to the same.
- 16th. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.
- 17th. To see if the town will adopt the provisions of Chap. 264, Acts of 1890, in regard to electing Commissioners of Public Cemeteries, or act in relation to the same.
- 18th. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to repair and paint the rooms to the Town House, and to buy new lamps for the same; and if so, to raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To see what action the town will take in regard to insuring its public buildings, or act in relation to the same.
- 20th. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for an evening school at Graniteville, or act in relation to the same.
- 21st. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to buy ladders, fire-hooks and pails, to be placed under a suitable covering in different localities in town, for use in case of fire, or act in relation to the same.



- 22d. To see what action the town will take in regard to the heating and ventilating apparatus furnished by the Middlesex Machine Company for Forge Village school-house, or act in relation to the same.
- 23d. To see if the town will vote to increase the compensation of the Town Treasurer, or act in relation to the same.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

*Given under our hands and seals, this first day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-two.*

J. HENRY READ,  
 SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
 GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*

## LIBRARY REPORT.

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The Trustees of the Westford Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 22, 1892 :

The books purchased during the past year have been carefully selected in accordance with the policy stated in the last annual report. Valuable additions have been made to all the classes, and it is believed that none of the money has been spent for works of trashy character, or of harmful moral or ethical tendency. The amount appropriated, together with the income from the Library funds and the allotment from the dog-tax, has enabled the Trustees to purchase many of the best books published during the year, and many standard works of reference. Among the latter are Smith's Dictionary of the Bible, Stedman and Hutchinson's Library of American Literature, and the first eight volumes of Chambers' excellent new Encyclopedia. While providing a reasonable amount of light and entertaining reading matter, the needs of scholars, teachers, and careful investigators have not been neglected. Our citizens may justly feel increasing pride in their Library, containing as it does so much of the recorded wit, wisdom, and scholarship of the present and past.

It would be strange indeed if the Library contained no worthless books. It is manifestly impossible for the Trustees to read all the books before purchasing them, and mistakes in selection are therefore likely to occur. Many that were popular when first published, and eagerly read, now remain year after year uncalled for, owing to some change in the tastes of readers. Others have lost their original value or authority through

later development or progress in the arts or sciences of which they treat, or because the subjects on which they were written were of no lasting interest or importance.

But no law of the state, no regulation of the Library, requires any of our citizens to read poor books, and the good ones to which they have access are numbered by thousands. It is entirely within their power to derive wholesome entertainment or thorough information, according to their needs, from the Library. All that is needed is an intelligent and reasonable use of it. If there are any who find their children too much absorbed in reading frivolous or comparatively worthless books, the remedy is in their own hands, and not far to seek. The needs and tastes of the children should be considered, the catalogue should be consulted, and the choice of books should be wisely controlled. The Library has undoubtedly promoted the intelligence and improved the morals of the town; but our young readers will derive the greatest benefit from it only through the careful guidance and supervision of their parents.

Expense must be incurred the ensuing year in rebinding old books of value, and in replacing those that are mutilated or worn out. It is to be regretted that so many publishers have more regard for ornament than for durability in the binding of their publications; but rough and careless handling has caused much of the injury. The books are the property of the town, and it is a matter of personal interest to all tax-payers to require proper care of the books from their children. Aside from the saving of expense to the Library, it is well to inculcate the habit of keeping books clean and uninjured. In some cases they have been brought back to the Library on rainy days with the covers and edges wet and badly soiled. Such careless usage is inexcusable, and, if continued, will lead to the imposition of special fines.

It has become the sad duty of the Trustees to record the loss the Library has sustained in the death of Mrs. Catharine Abbot. She had rendered faithful and efficient service as a Trustee; but her interest in the Library, and her cheerful willingness to spend time and labor for it, were not in the least abated when her official connection with it

ceased. None were more familiar with the Library, or made wiser use of its treasures. Herself a lover of books and an excellent judge of their merits, the lists she for many years prepared needed neither scrutiny nor revision; the Library was always enriched by the works she recommended for purchase. To no other is it so deeply indebted for its present value. Justly regarding it as an efficient means for promoting the general welfare of the town, she gladly bestowed upon it such service and support as were characteristic of her beneficence, her rare culture, and her active sympathy for every worthy cause.

Acknowledgement is made to the donors of the following books, presented to the Library during the year: Memorial of Hon. Daniel S. Richardson, by D. M. Richardson, Esq.; The Chocolate Plant and its Products, by Walter Baker & Co.; Report of Railroad Commissioners for 1875, and of Board of Education for 1874-5, by George T. Day; Twenty years around the World, by J. G. Vassar; Thoughts on Religion and Morality, by James Eddy; Manchester and its Leading Business Men, and two pamphlets, by Dr. W. J. Sleeper; Popular Biography of Connecticut, by J. A. Spalding for Insurance Companies of Conn.; Westford School Reports for 1865 and 1878-9, by Mrs. G. P. Wright; Village Improvement, by Westford Improvement Association; Unitarian Review, by American Unitarian Association; Good Health, by Good Health Publishing Co., Battle Creek, Mich.; Agricultural and other publications, by Secretary Rusk and Congressmen Greenhalge and Stevens; Catalogue of Westford Academy for 1850, and framed commission of John Abbot as first postmaster of Westford (1803), by John M. Fletcher, Esq.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance from last year.....	\$ 7 21
Income from Stone fund.....	25 65
Income from Fletcher fund.....	50 00
Town appropriation.....	150 00
From dog-tax.....	200 00
Fines .....	5 72

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\$438 58



## EXPENDITURES

For books.....	\$407 81
Manila paper.....	7 60
Librarian's supplies, labels, etc.....	10 25
Freight and express bills .....	5 30
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	\$430 96
Balance unexpended.....	7 62
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	\$438 58

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Number of books purchased.....	312
Public Documents from the State .....	15
Public Documents from the United States....	6
Volumes presented.....	7
Pamphlets presented.....	5
School Reports presented.....	2
Whole number of books added during the year,	340
Whole number of pamphlets added during the	
year .....	32
Number of books in the Library.....	6,814
Number purchased to replace lost or worn-out	
copies .....	12
Number of books issued.....	7,324

We recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of books during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted:

WILLIAM E. FROST,  
KATE S. HAMLIN,  
NETTIE M. STEVENS,

*Trustees of Westford Public Library.*



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# ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

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FOR THE

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# REPORT.

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## *Fellow-Citizens and Friends:*

Our Committee once more most respectfully present the following report as to the condition and work of the public schools of this town.

The condition of our schools may be considered from two different standpoints: one of fact, the other of opinion.

The facts in regard to schools and their condition, which, if not the most interesting part, form, perhaps, the most valuable part of such reports, can be most accurately and concisely stated in statistical tables, which show the attendance, cost, and other necessary information. Such facts will be found in the following table, and in others at the end of this report, and should be carefully studied by those who desire to have an intelligent understanding of the condition and needs of the schools, or of the problems with which the Committee have to deal.

In order that the facts may be more readily understood, the figures for this year and for last year are placed side by side, as far as possible:

	1891.	1890.
Population of the town, census of 1890 . . . . .		2,250
Number of children enumerated by assessors . . . . .	353	335
Number of different pupils registered . . . . .	417	430
Number of terms in school year . . . . .	3	3
Number of days' sessions (each school) . . . . .	173	180
Total number of sessions . . . . .	2,615	2,675
Average membership for the year . . . . .	311.09	317.72
Average attendance for the year . . . . .	275.62	284.4

	1891.	1890.
Per cent. of attendance based on membership . . .	89	90
Number of pupils over 15 years of age . . .	6	15
Number of pupils under 5 years of age . . .	3	4
Number of different teachers employed . . .	24	21
Number of instances of tardiness . . .	635	595
Average number of days lost per pupil . . .	16	22
Number of visits by Superintendent . . .	190	185
Visits by other members of Committee . . .	4	6

The statistics for the evening school in Graniteville are as follows :

	1891.	1890.
Number of pupils enrolled . . . . .	47	68
Number of sessions . . . . .	36	36
Average attendance per session . . . . .	27	48
Teachers employed . . . . .	2	2
Average cost per pupil . . . . .	\$3.16	\$2.09
Average cost per session per pupil . . . . .	.09	.06

These figures show very briefly how the facts of this year compare with those of last year. Other matters, cost of schools, etc., will be spoken of in another place.

From the standpoint of opinion, the report of the School Committee may be of very little value. Opinions as to schools and school work are almost as numerous as the individuals holding them. The report of the School Committee may not be read ; or, if read, it will very likely be unheeded. Nevertheless, its appearance may remind the citizens that the persons to whom they have entrusted the important and difficult work of caring for the educational interests of the town are at their posts of duty, striving as faithfully as they can to increase the efficiency of our schools.

The Committee are not able, however, this year to give a very satisfactory account of the schools. The year has been, in one way, a year of experiments, and the experiments have not all resulted happily. Two good teachers who were with us last year declined to return this year, and at the close of the spring term four more of our teachers resigned. This left nearly half of our schools with new teachers. And as most of those who left had been with us for a series of years—some of

them as many as twenty years—and had become thoroughly familiar with their work, the loss to us was a serious one. *Whoever* took their places, the work must be practically begun anew, and much time be lost until the new teachers became as familiar with their pupils and their duties as were the retiring ones. The result has shown conclusively the desirability of retaining satisfactory teachers in the same school for long periods of service.

In the selection of teachers to fill these vacancies the Committee were sometimes successful, sometimes not so. Of the eight new teachers employed during the year, one failed utterly, and was not employed the full term; one other was only partially successful, and resigned after two terms of service; two others began their work in the last term of the year, and so have been with us but a short time. With the exceptions intimated, however, the new teachers have given satisfaction. Some of them have been decidedly successful.

Besides changes in our teaching force, five of our schools have suffered interruption, more or less serious, from sickness. One school was three weeks late in opening the winter term, and four others, after opening, were closed for one or two weeks, owing to the prevalence of "La Grippe." This makes some schools late in closing, and such interruptions, coming after work is fairly started, of course interfere with the best results. Some schools have suffered much in this way.

#### CENTRE SCHOOLS.

The schools of this village have both suffered from the causes indicated. The primary department has been under the care of Miss Meta J. Fisk for the year, but the winter term was interrupted for two weeks by sickness. In the higher department, Miss Lilla Fisher taught the spring and part of the fall term; Miss Clara Fisher teaching the remainder of the year. Owing to the prevalence of sickness in the community, this school was also closed for one week. These teachers have been in our schools some time, and are well known, but this year they

have worked under disadvantages. Enrollment, primary, 34; grammar, 17. Average attendance, primary, 22; grammar, 15.30.

#### STONY BROOK.

This school has been especially unfortunate this year. Not being able to retain the teacher who had taught there, the spring term was given to Miss Alice Beane, who was only fairly successful. With the thought that she might meet with more success in a smaller school, Miss Beane was transferred in the fall, and this school was entrusted to Helen M. Osgood of Lowell, who was well recommended, but whose work did not justify her recommendations. At the opening of the winter term, Miss S. M. Peasley took charge of the school. Miss Peasley is a lady of character, excellent education, and good ability to discipline, and under her the school did as well as could be expected, perhaps. But after teaching four weeks, and getting on well with the work, sickness so reduced the school that it was closed for two weeks. Several were not able to return at all during the term. Of course, under such circumstances the best results can not be expected. It is much to be hoped that the experience of this year will not be soon repeated. Enrollment, 30; average attendance, 19.31.

#### FORGE VILLAGE.

These schools were taught for the spring term by teachers who had been there several years—Grace Lawrence and Mrs. Wyeth. At the close of the term both these ladies resigned. Miss Mabel Baldwin and Miss Bessie Prince were employed to take their places. Both these ladies gave satisfaction; but Miss Prince declined to remain, and in the winter the higher department was given to Flora A. Whitcomb, Miss Baldwin staying in the primary room. These schools are large and difficult. They have done better than was expected with so many changes. Enrollment, primary 65, grammar 35; average attendance, primary 42.41, grammar 24.96.



## NASHOBA.

This has been one of the happy schools of the year. Same teacher as for several years; no sickness. "All is well." Teacher, Clara Smith; enrollment, 23; average attendance, 15.97.

## PARKERVILLE.

School very small, some bright children; Flora A. Whitcomb, teacher for two terms; Marion Fuller, for one term. Miss Fuller is well qualified, and gave, we judge, good satisfaction. Enrollment, 9; average attendance, 5.72.

## MINOT'S CORNER AND NABNASSET

Have both been fortunate. The same teachers — Miss Drew and Miss Winship—have been retained throughout the year, and "La Grippe" did not disturb them. Result, profitable schools, though not large in number. Enrollment, Minot's Corner 17, Nabnasset 19; average attendance, Minot's Corner 14.44, Nabnasset 14.25.

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR.

Another unfortunate. Three teachers in three terms. Rena Prescott, in spring, resigned; Alice Bean, for fall term Miss Bean does not like the work, and resigned soon after; winter term opened. Miss Mary L. Herndon completed the winter term. This school is small but it has been one of our bright and pleasing schools. There is no reason why it should not keep its reputation if it will. Children are regular and punctual generally. Enrollment, 13; average attendance, 11.98.

## LYON.

Josephine Dane has taught for the year, but sickness delayed the opening of the winter term. Enrollment, 12; average attendance for year, 8.45.

## GRANITEVILLE.

Enrollment for the four schools, 139; average attendance, 90.43. There have been changes here. Miss Hewitt, after

twenty years' service, resigned at close of spring term. So also did Miss Sargent. Their places were supplied by promoting Miss Parker to the first grammar grade, and Miss Wilson to the place left vacant by Miss Parker. Miss Annie Carmichael and Miss Blanche Craven were employed in the two lower departments, where their work was quite creditable. These young ladies are recent graduates of our Academy, who came to their work with no special preparation except what was obtained from a three weeks' course at the Martha's Vineyard Summer School of Methods. The Superintendent is confident, however, that he saw the benefit of those three weeks' study in the after-work of the school-room. This leads us to say a word concerning

#### TEACHERS AND THEIR PREPARATION FOR THEIR WORK.

There is a growing sentiment that all who engage in teaching should make their work one of the study of methods and principles; that they should prepare for their work as for a profession; come to it as to a profession; that there is the same need for training in the work of teaching as in the work of other professions—law, medicine, theology. That sentiment, we believe, is a right and just one. It should grow till the public will demand, and *insist upon*, such preparation. Surely we should select with quite as much solicitude and intelligent forethought those who care for the minds and develop the intellectual powers of our children, as we do the nurses and physicians who care for and develop their physical powers. At present far too many teachers are without professional knowledge or training,—young and inexperienced,—many of them persons who come to their work as a means of earning a livelihood,—a passing occupation till something better, more lucrative, shall offer. Of course, such teachers are not to be blamed. Not all can take professional training at first; for "one must live." But, we repeat, the sentiment in favor of trained, skilled teachers is growing. By and by such will be demanded, and others not accepted.

Meantime, untrained teachers can do much to remedy deficiencies if they will, by reading, private study, attendance at conventions, institutes, and summer schools, provided they

think and study in such a manner as to grasp the *theory* and *principles* involved in their work.

With this desire to better understand their work and to improve its quality, four of our teachers, with the Superintendent, attended the Summer School of Methods, last year, at Martha's Vineyard. These teachers deserve special commendation, for the expense was considerable—from thirty to forty dollars, and salaries here are not large. But the weeks were full of suggestion and profit, and the committee hope that in the year to come more will avail themselves of such opportunities of improvement as these summer schools furnish. Even if one brings away only the inspiration one catches there, the benefit will be much. But one will gain *more* than inspirations; one will find knowledge.

Of course, it is true that the determining force—the moulding power—the prime factor, in the school-room, is the teacher; and that a good teacher who *loves her work*,—and no one is a really good teacher who does not love her work,—will return a larger product of good result, even working without much method or hampered by a poor method, than will a poor or indifferent teacher with the best system and method.

But it is equally true that, given the good teacher, he or she will return much better results if working in accordance with recognized principles, and by well tried and proven methods.

#### NEW FEATURES.

Not many new features have been introduced during the year. At its beginning a new course of study was adopted, arranged to advance pupils a little more rapidly than the former course, though requiring more of the teachers, and so designed that each study shall receive its due amount of attention and none be overlooked. Special time was also assigned to “nature studies.” It is believed this course is better than its predecessor, though more may be required in some departments than can be accomplished by all. If so, trial for a year or two will determine what changes need to be made. Also, at the beginning of the year certain Rules and Regulations were adopted by the Committee.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### REGARDING TARDINESS AND ABSENCE, ADOPTED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1891.

The purpose of our public school system contemplates and requires, in order that the largest benefit may be obtained, the regular and constant attendance of the pupil, and his punctual presence in the school-room. In order the more effectually to secure such punctuality and regularity, the following rules relative to tardiness and absence have been adopted by the Committee. Parents are respectfully asked to aid in their enforcement.

#### TARDINESS.

1. A pupil once tardy shall have his (or her) attention called to the fact, and if there be found a sufficient reason, this may be excused, though the fact must be recorded in the Register.
2. A pupil twice tardy shall be reprimanded.
3. A pupil three times tardy may be suspended and the matter referred to the Committee. And if a pupil be tardy four or more times, without ample reason, the matter shall be referred to the Committee, and reinstatement shall be at their option.

#### ABSENCE.

1. A pupil absent from school for one day shall bring from the parent or guardian an excuse in writing, stating the reason for such absence.
2. If a pupil be absent for two successive days, the teacher shall investigate the cause for such absence, and if the cause is not sufficient, the matter may be referred to the proper Truant Officer.
3. A pupil absent three successive days shall be referred to the truant officer. And if, after notification by the officer, he continues absent (being absent in all four or more days), he shall be regarded as having withdrawn from the school, and reinstatement shall be at the option of the teacher or the Committee.
4. Any pupil who shall be absent six or more half days in four successive weeks without excuse shall be regarded as having withdrawn from the school and the matter shall be referred to the proper Truant Officer or to the Committee.

### AUTHORITY OF TEACHERS OVER PUPILS.

(Extract from the School Laws of Massachusetts.)

"Section 1 of Chapter 44 of the Public Statutes imposes upon teachers of the public schools the duty of instructing their pupils in good behavior.

"The Constitution of the State makes it the duty of all institutions of learning to train those committed to them in the practice of every virtue. To attain these ends it is necessary that a wise government over the pupils shall be uniformly and persistently maintained. The teacher is, therefore,



vested with the authority of the parent in the control of the children in their relations as pupils of his school.

"1. In the school-room he has exclusive control of his pupils, subject only to the direction of the School Committee.

"2. He may rightfully exercise the same full control over his pupils at any time while they are on any part of the school premises.

"3. While the pupils are on their way to and from the school, the authority of the teacher may be considered as concurrent with that of the parent or guardian. If the pupils in coming to the school, or in going from it to their homes, commit an offence against the civil laws, it will be well to leave the offenders in the hands of judicial or parental authority. But if the children quarrel on their way, or are wilfully tardy, or use indecent and profane language, or in any way by their conduct injure the good order and discipline of the school, the teacher may take notice of such conduct by subjecting the offender to such wise and judicious treatment as will have a tendency to prevent a repetition of the offence."

A word as to these may be necessary lest they be misunderstood. They are not meant to be oppressive. It will be seen that much discretion is left with the teacher. These regulations are designed simply to put the parents, the teacher, and the Committee into a little closer connection with each other. It was found that some few pupils (see report of Truant Officers) were running away from school, playing truant, while the parents believed them to be in school where they had been sent. Also, some were carelessly and needlessly tardy, habitually so. Now the Committee took it for granted that parents did not desire this any more than did the teacher or Committee. They assumed that the parent desired to know it, if his child was playing off, or was on the street when he was supposed to be in school.

It was to give just this information, that these rules were adopted. They *do not say that a pupil can not be out of school*. They only ask, that, *if a parent desires* a child out, he or she will send a note to that effect to the teacher. This is only just to the child, who is not then suspected of any wrong. It is only just to the teacher, who desires to know, and ought to know, that, if a pupil is absent, it is for good reasons and with the parents' knowledge. And it is just to the parent who thus places himself in alliance with the school to make it as



good as possible. And it is not exacting much to ask the writing of a line of explanation to the teacher.

Probably in most of our schools these rules have not made, and will not make, any difference. To many of our schools they will not apply. In some few, however, they have been productive of good. We feel sure the sound sense of our citizens will approve them when rightly understood.

At the beginning of the year, too, a change was made in the drawing work, "Prang's Shorter Course" being put in the place of the course then in use. This involves form drawing, clay modeling, paper cutting, and the use of forms in design. Form models, such as the cube, sphere, cylinder, half cylinder, etc., are supplied the children. These forms are then drawn, moulded in clay, cut in paper, and used in design; and this course of drawing, construction, representation, and decoration is carried through all grades. Miss Clara Fisher is receiving instruction in this work from Boston, and is instructing our other teachers. The new drawing books are much liked, and the results this year have been quite satisfactory. It will take a year or two to see the full results; but it is believed that the change was a wise one. The Superintendent would suggest that some time next summer, perhaps, there be an exhibit made at the Town Hall of the work of the children in drawing, moulding, and representing, that all who care to do so may see what is being attempted.

A portion of our teachers have been receiving, at their own expense, instruction in the "Swedish" or "Ling" system of gymnastics from Mrs. E. P. Barker, of Ayer. We are glad to speak of this and to commend it, and we wish this subject might be introduced into all our schools. Physical culture is receiving much attention in all parts of the land. Westford ought not to be found wanting in so good a cause. Many cities and towns are furnishing free instruction to teachers, who impart the instruction thus received to their pupils. The "Swedish" system of gymnastics is based upon a careful study of anatomy, and an intelligent purpose lies behind each set of movements. The system is especially suited to the needs of young children, as its exercises are comparatively gentle and

require no apparatus, at least for most of the tables. This system is now being introduced into the schools of Ayer, Littleton, Pepperell, and other towns about us. The Superintendent has seen the exercises in Ayer and Littleton; also in other places, and feels confident of the value of the system. It is said, of course, that children in the country do not need gymnastics; they have exercise enough. It is probably true that they do not need exercise simply; but it is noticeable that many children in country schools are growing round-shouldered and hollow-chested because proper positions are not maintained. This system of physical culture aims to correct such tendencies, and to develop normal and healthy bodies. Those teachers who have tried the exercises in our schools find that the children like them, and it is believed that five minutes per session devoted to carefully taking these exercises would not only prove an aid to discipline, but would exert a beneficial influence upon the health, especially of weak or nervous children.

#### WORK OF THE SCHOOLS.

With the exceptions already indicated, the work of the schools has run along in about the usual channels. Where conditions have been favorable the results have equalled those of other years. So far as the quality of the whole is below the standard, it is due to causes already mentioned, viz., sickness and frequent change of teachers.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S WORK.

The Superintendent has made about the usual number of visits to the schools, 190, and his work has not differed much from the work of past years, save that less written test work has been given this year than in some others. Such work was prepared, but owing to the many new teachers, and to the broken condition of several schools at the time when such work would have been given, it seemed best to omit it. Most schools did well with the oral work given them. Two or three days were spent by the Superintendent in visiting the schools of other towns.

## SCHOOL PROPERTY—CARE OF, REPAIRS, ETC.

There is little to be said as to the condition of the school property which has not been said in former reports. It is generally in good condition. A new fence has been erected at No. 4, and the school carpenter has attended to such matters as have come to his knowledge.

It will be seen from the report of the Treasurer that the cost for repairs, broken locks, etc., is greater than usual this year, while very little has been turned into the treasury in payment for damage done. This may be owing to the fact that those teachers who have come to us during the year have not understood that pupils were expected to pay for all injuries done above the ordinary wear. Generally pupils and parents have shown a creditable willingness to make compensation for accidental injury. We would, however, call attention to the rule which holds teachers responsible for injuries to school property, and to the fact that if the requirement is not heeded the amount due for injury is liable to be deducted from the teacher's wages. It is hoped there may be no occasion to enforce the rule, but the matter should be carefully looked after.

With one or two exceptions books have been well used and cared for. The Committee require all books to be kept covered, and generally a book lives out its natural life period before it has to be discarded. Most schools try to be careful, but No. 7 still heads the list for neatness and carefulness in the use of books. In two instances the Superintendent has seen teachers using books improperly, and has spoken of it. But books will wear out, and many will have to be replaced by new ones next term.

We are glad to commend once more the services of our faithful janitor at Graniteville. His school-house is always a credit to him. Few neater can be found. Four school-rooms have, however, been found in an unsatisfactory condition. We will not specify, but we regret the fact. Our pay for such service is small, we know, but we appeal to the feeling of pride. A dirty, disorderly room is a credit to no one. How to make

our janitor service more acceptable and without too great cost will be one of the problems for the new year.

No. 9 school-house (Lyon) sadly needs whitening; it is very dingy and dirty.

#### VENTILATION.

In regard to the system of heating and ventilating put into the school-house at Forge Village under orders from the State, your Committee can only report that the matter remains much the same as one year ago. The system has not yet been approved by the State.

#### EVENING SCHOOLS.

With the \$150 appropriated for the purpose by the Town, your Committee have maintained an evening school at Graniteville, for twelve weeks, at an expense of \$148.65. Two teachers being employed, and two rooms occupied. (See details elsewhere.) The attendance was smaller than one year ago, and the interest not so great. This may, however, be owing to the prevalence of sickness and the same causes which affected the day schools. Such a school is in many ways desirable, and your Committee would advise its continuance for another winter at least, and would respectfully ask that the same sum as last year be raised and appropriated for that purpose, viz., \$150.

#### COST, LENGTH, NEEDS.

The cost of the schools have been about the same as in other years. Wages have been generally the same; only incidentals have varied. Owing to a decrease in the school appropriation last year we have been able to have only *thirty-five weeks' schooling* instead of *thirty-six* as usual; one school only thirty-four weeks, on account of sickness. No portion of the "dog money" was last year appropriated to schools as has been customary.

Our schools are greatly in need of new and better maps. Our present ones are poor and not up to date. To supply the schools



properly would cost perhaps \$150 or more. The Committee have hesitated to purchase these, hoping to be able to use some of the money from the tax on dogs for this purpose. They should be bought early in the spring. It will also be necessary to purchase text-books on physiology and hygiene, as we are not at present fully complying with the law which requires such instruction *in all grades, one hour per week for fourteen weeks of the school year, with text-books in the hands of all those above the third grade*, or who use text-books for other studies. We have probably given this study the required amount of time, but not all have been supplied with proper text-books to answer the law. This remains to be done.

#### THE FUTURE.

By comparing our wages with wages of teachers in some of the towns around us—Littleton, Ayer, or Chelmsford, for instance—it will be seen that our prices are less, sometimes considerably so, than what is paid elsewhere for the same grade of work; and it must also be evident that in teaching, as in other work, one gets about what is paid for. We intend no reflection on our teachers. We have some good teachers, who, for the sake of home associations, have accepted, and perhaps will continue to accept, our low wages. But when we are obliged to look for good teachers to fill vacancies, and to go out of town to find them, experience has shown that we are not able to command what we want for our prices. In two instances, this year, we have been obliged to increase salaries slightly, in order to secure teachers of experience and skill. In other instances we have been obliged to give up teachers whom we desired, because others could and would pay more.

We do not state this as a basis on which to recommend any such increase of salaries as would entail a higher tax rate, but that the true situation may be understood in the consideration of a financial policy. The question now is whether our schools shall advance, remain at their present standard, or possibly retrograde. That question the people must answer. It is evident that the quality of a school and its work will *always depend*



*upon the character and quality of the teacher.* That good schools are not made by the resolutions of school boards or the edicts of superintendents, wise or unwise, experience has fully shown. *The school will never be better than the teacher who has charge of it.*

Now your Committee take for granted that our citizens desire the best, as it is certainly the wish of the Committee to give the best possible, under the conditions and circumstances. They also take for granted that our people are willing to pay for the best when they clearly understand the need.

The efficiency and value of our schools can be increased in either of two ways: First, by such an increase of salaries as shall enable the Committee to command more thoroughly skilled teachers, which would mean increased appropriations and expenditures; or, secondly, this can be done without additional expense provided the Town will allow some of its smaller schools to be combined, thus leaving fewer teachers and allowing higher wages to be paid from the same appropriation. The Committee would like to suggest that the latter method be tried.

Your Committee have tried to act fairly toward all, and to do their best according to their wisdom. But they are not infallible; they may make mistakes. These they regret; but wisdom comes only with experience. If, after the fashion of political parties, your Committee might draw up a "platform" on which to stand, the following would constitute its principal "planks":

1st. That, among the various objects which call for an appropriation of the Town's money, few, if any, are more important or pressing than the schools.

2d. That we recognize that the Town's income is necessarily limited, and that our plans must be limited accordingly. But,

3d. That the Town desires to have its school system placed upon a progressive basis, and is willing to support its schools upon such a basis.

4th. That on this basis, and while the present number of schools is maintained, since the better service always costs the more money, the school appropriations will tend to increase from year to year rather than decrease.

5th. That much care should be exercised in the selection of teachers, and that all encouragement should be offered teachers looking to more careful and faithful preparation for their work, and to cultivated persons to enter the ranks of teachers, by the prospect of fair remuneration and of permanent service.

It is believed this is a platform on which all best citizens can unite, and in its support the Committee would very respectfully ask that the appropriation for schools be restored to \$4,800.

A. J. ABBOT,  
J. S. MOULTON,  
A. R. CHOATE,  
A. G. POLLEY,  
FRANK H. HILDRETH,

*School Committee.*

J. S. MOULTON, *Secretary.*

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

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The cost of books and supplies for the school year 1891-92 has been as follows:

Appropriation for books.....		\$ 0 00
Received for books sold.....		3 17
Paid for books and supplies:		
American Book Co.....	\$46 35	
Geo. S. Perry.....	43 17	
Prang Educational Co.....	28 05	
Lippincott & Co.....	31 98	
D. C. Heath & Co.....	16 30	
Lee & Shepard.....	13 87	
J. L. Hammett.....	8 46	
Silver, Burdette & Co.....	7 00	
Ginn & Co.....	6 95	
Wm. Ware & Co.....	4 75	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn.....	3 33	
Boston School Supply Co.....	3 40	
Interstate Publishing Co.....	1 80	
King, Merrill & Co.....	1 20	
C. W. Clarke.....	1 00	
Huntley & Turner.....	7 50	
Express on books, etc.....	5 71	
	<hr/>	230 82
Actual cost to town.....		<hr/> \$227 65
Average cost per school for books, etc.....		\$ 15 21
Cost of books and supplies distributed to schools.....		246 51
Cost per pupil for books, etc.....		62

## REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

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In accordance with the requirement of the Commonwealth and the vote of the Town, the following report of the Truant Officers is presented:

Cases investigated.....	17
Cases brought to trial.....	1
Found to be truants.....	10 (?)

W. E. PARSONS,  
A. R. CHOATE,  
EUGENE DE RHOEN,

*Truant Officers.*

## COST OF SCHOOLS.

Whole amount of school money (including evening-school money).....		\$5,262 86
Paid teachers' wages (including evening schools).....	\$4,264 00	
fuel.....	556 09	
care (including evening schools) .....	284 25	
tuition to Littleton.....	42 00	
tuition to Prang Educational Co.....	10 00	
cleaning.....	9 60	
evening school (books and supplies)....	26 65	
Balance in treasury .....	70 27	
	<hr/>	\$5,262 86

## COST OF SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

### CENTRE — (TWO SCHOOLS).

Teachers.....	\$572 00	
Care, \$22.00; books, etc., \$53.10; fuel, \$52.03,	127 13	
	<hr/>	\$699 13

### STONY BROOK.

Teachers.....	\$293 00	
Care, \$11.00; books etc., \$20.84; fuel, \$22.28,	54 14	
	<hr/>	\$347 14

### FORGE VILLAGE — (TWO SCHOOLS).

Teachers.....	\$608 00	
Care, \$78.25; books etc., \$38.50; fuel, \$109.84,	226 59	
	<hr/>	\$834 59

### NASHOBA.

Teacher.....	\$290 00	
Care, \$11.00; books etc., \$30.84; fuel, \$24.00;		
cleaning, \$1.00 .....	66 84	
	<hr/>	\$356 84



## PARKERVILLE.

Teachers.....	\$257 00	
Care, \$11.00; books, \$7.90; fuel, \$24.00.....	42 90	
	<hr/>	\$299 90

## MINOT'S CORNER.

Teacher.....	\$255 00	
Care, \$11.00; books, \$10.87; fuel, \$24.00....	45 87	
	<hr/>	\$300 87

## NABNASSET.

Teacher.....	\$254 00	
Care, \$11.00; books, \$7.18; fuel, \$23.00.....	41 18	
	<hr/>	\$295 18

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR

Teachers.....	\$255 00	
Care, \$11.00; books etc., \$10.95; fuel, \$26.47; cleaning, \$2.00.....	50 45	
	<hr/>	\$305 45

## LYON.

Teacher.....	\$247 00	
Care, \$11.00; books etc., \$7.77; fuel, \$32.00; cleaning, \$2.60.....	53 37	
	<hr/>	\$300 37

## GRANITEVILLE — FOUR SCHOOLS.

Teachers.....	\$1,125 00	
Care, \$93.00; books, \$58.56; fuel, \$218.47; cleaning, \$4.00.....	374 03	
	<hr/>	\$1,499 03

## EVENING SCHOOL.

Teachers....	\$108 00	
Care, \$14.00; books etc., \$26.65.....	40 65	
	<hr/>	\$148 65

The average cost per pupil, including books :

Centre.....	\$11 09	Nabnasset.....	\$15 53
Stony Brook.....	11 57	Long-sought-for.....	23 50
Forge Village.....	8 35	Lyon.....	25 03
Nashoba.....	15 51	Graniteville.....	10 78
Parkerville.....	33 32	Evening School.....	3 16
Minot's Corner.....	17 70		

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Wages per Month.	Pupils.	Aver. Attendance.	Not Absent.	Not Tardy.	Tardy Marks..	Days Lost.	Average No. Days Lost per Pupil.
SPRING TERM.									
Centre.....	{ Lila C. Fisher.....	\$32 00	17	14.9	2	14	3	120	7
	{ Meta J. Fiske.....	32 00	27	24.2	1	16	17	83	4
Stony Brook.....	{ Alice Beane.....	32 00	24	19.95	1	15	19	216	9
	{ Grace Lawrence.....	32 00	53	39.92	3	48	6	550	10
Forge Village.....	{ Hannah Wyeth.....	32 00	30	22.71	5	28	2	282	9
Nashoba.....	{ Clara A. Smith.....	32 00	21	17.9	3	19	2	172	9
Parkerville.....	{ Flora A. Whitcomb....	28 00	8	6.43	1	7	1	80	10
Minot's Corner...	{ Mabel Drew.....	28 00	17	16.25	5	13	9	78	5
Nabnasset.....	{ Lizzie A. Winship.....	28 00	11	10.43	4	11	0	70	6
Long-sought-for..	{ Rena Prescott.....	28 00	13	12.19	6	7	6	45	4
Lyon.....	{ Josephine Dane.....	28 00	12	9.44	0	9	3	110	9
	{ C. E. Hewitt.....	32 00	14	12.2	2	14	0	140	10
Graniteville.....	{ Issie A. Parker.....	32 00	25	21.86	4	22	5	168	6
	{ Dora B. Sargent.....	32 00	23	21.33	7	22	4	100	4
	{ Annie Wilson.....	28 00	44	38.58	8	23	45	272	6
FALL TERM.									
Centre.....	{ Lila C. Fisher.....	32 00	20	17.22	1	12	17	150	7
	{ Clara A. Fisher.....	32 00	26	22.3	6	15	31	216	8
Stony Brook.....	{ Meta J. Fiske.....	32 00	26	22.3	6	15	31	216	8
	{ Helen M. Osgood.....	32 00	29	22.71	1	10	53	262	9
Forge Village.....	{ Mabel Baldwin.....	36 00	58	51.95	2	35	65	488	8
Nashoba.....	{ Bessie Prince.....	36 00	26	21.44	2	13	13	230	9
Parkerville.....	{ Clara A. Smith.....	32 00	20	15.7	3	13	15	321	16
Minot's Corner...	{ Flora A. Whitcomb....	28 00	6	4.68	0	3	8	67	17
Nabnasset.....	{ Mabel Drew.....	28 00	16	14.23	5	12	4	131	8
Long-sought-for..	{ Lizzie A. Winship.....	28 00	17	16.42	6	9	10	194	11
Lyon.....	{ Alice Bean.....	28 00	12	11.73	8	10	2	16	1
	{ Josephine Dane.....	28 00	12	9.08	2	1	27	71	6
Graniteville.....	{ Issie A. Parker.....	32 00	23	20.41	6	14	13	174	7
	{ Annie Wilson.....	32 00	20	18.48	3	13	13	122	6
	{ Blanche Craven.....	32 00	19	17.36	0	11	17	105	6
	{ Annie Carmichael....	28 00	49	43.31	8	35	19	463	9
WINTER TERM.									
Centre.....	{ Clara A. Fisher.....	36 00	15	13.28	1	14	5	179	11
	{ Meta J. Fiske.....	36 00	25	19.5	1	15	25	219	9
Stony Brook.....	{ S. M. Peasley.....	36 00	27	15.28	0	14	26	890	33
Forge Village.....	{ Mabel Baldwin.....	36 00	43	35.37	3	22	59	292	6
Nashoba.....	{ Flora A. Whitcomb....	36 00	34	30.75	0	19	27	203	6
Parkerville.....	{ Clara A. Smith.....	36 00	17	14.03	1	15	2	98	6
Minot's Corner...	{ Marion Fuller.....	32 00	9	6.35	1	8	6	84	9
Nabnasset.....	{ Mabel Drew.....	32 00	15	13.39	5	12	4	95	6
Long-sought-for..	{ Lizzie A. Winship.....	32 00	18	15.87	4	14	6	125	7
Lyon.....	{ Mary L. Herndon.....	32 00	13	12.03	6	8	4	45	3
	{ Josephine Dane.....	32 00	8	6.84	0	2	13	40	5
Graniteville.....	{ Issie A. Parker.....	36 00	20	15.0	5	15	5	209	10
	{ Annie Wilson.....	36 00	20	17.24	4	16	4	128	6
	{ Blanche Craven.....	36 00	19	14.08	1	17	3	228	12
	{ Annie Carmichael....	32 00	41	32.73	5	30	14	274	6
Evening School..	{ Issie A. Parker.....	18 00	19						
	{ Annie Wilson.....	18 00	28	2.					

## ROLL OF HONOR,

SHOWING THOSE NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR ONE TERM  
OR MORE.

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### CENTRE SCHOOLS—GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

*One Term*—Clara Wright, Philip Prescott, Irving Wright.

### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

*Two Terms*—Albert Harris.

*One Term*—Fred Harris, Annie Harris, Alberta Wilson, Edith Wright, Albert Heywood, Willie Wright.

### STONY BROOK.

*Two Terms*—John Taylor.

*One Term*—Esther Taylor.

### FORGE VILLAGE.

*One Term*—John Dufort, Herbert Cockroft, John Catchpole, Walter French, Lucy Constantino, Leo King, Willie Hanley.

### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

*One Term*—Rose Muleau, Albert Gurney, Beatrice Dufort, Lizzie Constantino, Emily Catchpole, Lena Constantino, Susie Haley, Eddie Hanley, James Haley.

### NASHOBA.

*Three Terms*—Alice McDonald.

*Two Terms*—Mabel McDonald.

*One Term*—Emma Castell, Anna Castell, Willie McDonald.

### PARKERVILLE.

*One Term*—Ethel Adams.

## MINOT'S CORNER.

*Three Terms*—Charlie Barnard, Arthur Barnard, Hattie Stephans.

*Two Terms*—Lillie Blaisdell, Augusta Blaisdell.

*One Term*—Mary Bunce.

## NABNASSET.

*Three Terms*—Herbert Ingalls (6), Harry Ingalls (4), George Taylor.

*One Term*—Nellie Taylor, Charlie Trull, Andrew Hunter, Eddie Felch, Frank Ingalls.

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR.

*Three Terms*—Lizzie Burke, Julia Burke, Katie Burke, Nellie Burke; Lulu Dane.

*Two Terms*—Leonard Dane.

## LYON.

No roll of honor.

## GRANITEVILLE—FIRST PRIMARY.

*Three Terms*—John Daley.

*Two Terms*—Willie Daley, Willie Petherick, Bertha McLenna.

*One Term*—Flora Hughes, Dolly Murphy, Roscoe Moran, Maud Carlin, Etta Sheehan, Anna Harrington.

## SECOND PRIMARY.

*Three Terms*—Charlie Grant.

*Two Terms*—Walter Dow.

*One Term*—Bertie Searles, Freddie Dow, Bertie Caunter, Lester McLenna, Ellsworth York, Annie Harrington.

## INTERMEDIATE.

*Three Terms*—Gertrude Craven, Frank Luftus, Fred Reed, Annie Davie, Frank McLenna.

*Two Terms*—Hannah Riney, Thomas Larkin, Willie Hemen.

## GRAMMAR.

*Three Terms*—Sarah Davie.

*Two Terms*—Annie Davie.

*One Term*—Kate Harrington, Della Blodgett, Hattie Sargent, Willie Wing, Daniel Harrington, Lewis Palmer, Willie Hemen.

## EVENING SCHOOLS.

Josie Provost, Joseph Riney.





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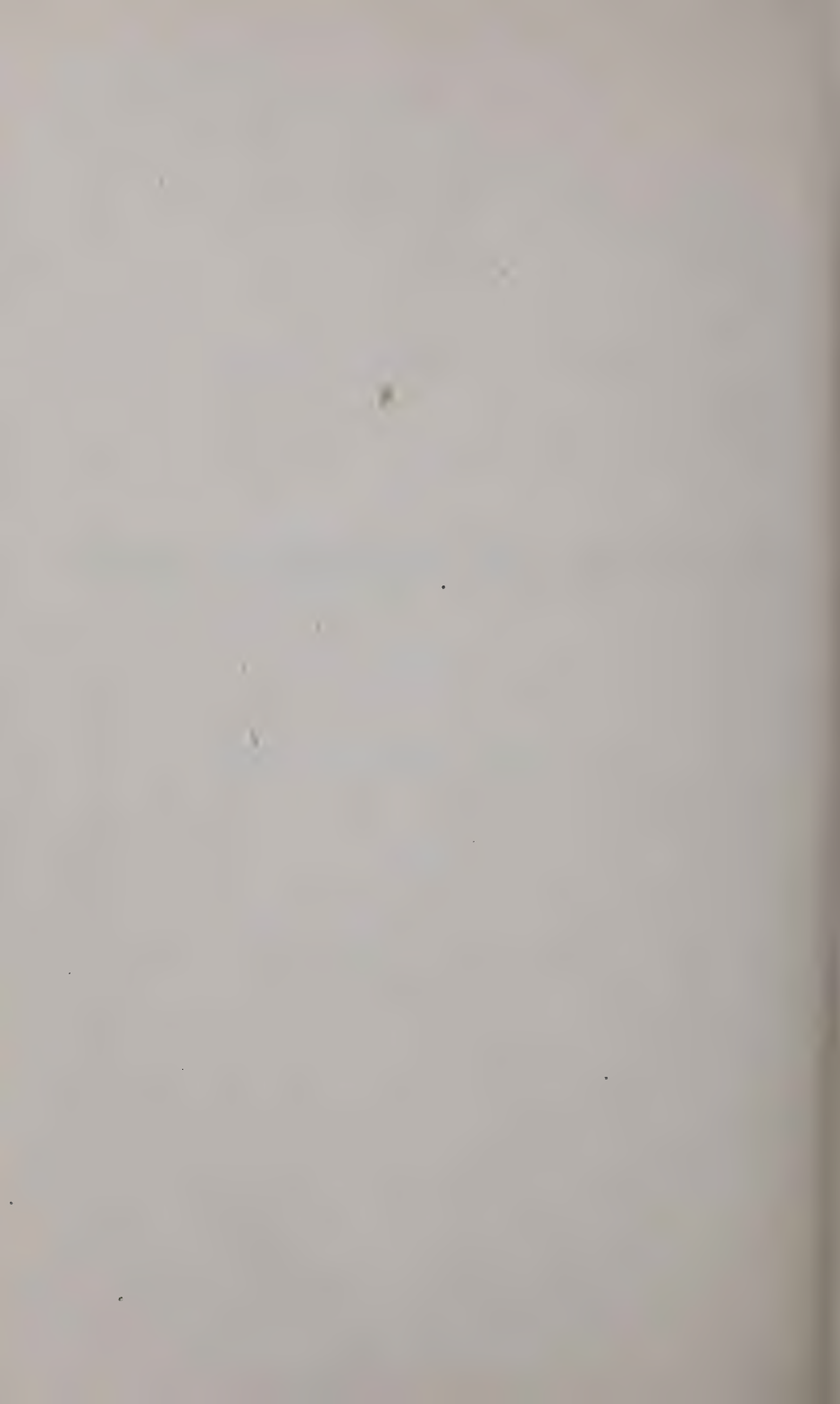
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## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1892.

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### TOWN CLERK.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT.

### SELECTMEN.

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD . . .	Term expires March, 1893.
J. HENRY READ, <i>Chairman</i> , . .	Term expires March, 1894.
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, <i>Sec.</i> ,	Term expires March, 1895.

### ASSESSORS.

FRANK C. DREW . . . . .	Term expires March, 1893.
A. RICHMOND LEIGHTON . .	Term expires March 1894.
GEORGE H. HARTFORD, <i>Chairman</i> ,	Term expires March, 1895.

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALVIN G. POLLEY . . . . .	Term expires March, 1893.
HAMMETT D. WRIGHT, <i>Sec.</i> , . .	Term expires March, 1894.
WAYLAND F. BALCH, <i>Chairman</i> ,	Term expires March, 1895.

### TOWN TREASURER.

NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

### COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ISAAC E. DAY.

### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

TRUE A. BEAN.

### REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

NELSON L. TUTTLE, <i>Chairman</i> , . .	Term expires April 30, 1893.
QUINCY W. DAY . . . . .	Term expires April 30, 1894.
OSCAR R. SPALDING . . . . .	Term expires April 30, 1895.
GILMAN J. WRIGHT, <i>ex-officio</i> .	

### ELECTION INSPECTORS.

WILLIAM E. FROST.

W. H. H. BURBECK.

### DEPUTY ELECTION INSPECTORS.

A. RICHMOND LEIGHTON.

SAMUEL G. HUMISTON.



## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

HENRY CHAMBERLAIN.

## AUDITOR.

GEORGE W. GOODE.

Mr. Goode resigned Oct. 24, and Arthur B. Plimpton was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The foregoing officers have all been sworn. Of the following only those marked by a star have been sworn.

## CONSTABLES.

\*ISAAC E. DAY.

JOHN A. HEALY.

## FIELD DRIVERS.

WILBERT E. PARSONS.

HENRY O. KEYES.

JOHN FEENEY.

MARK M. MORRISON.

## FENCE VIEWERS.

ALVIN G. POLLEY.

ALMON S. VOSE.

LEWIS C. DANE.

## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK AND SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

CHARLES L. FLETCHER. \*W. W. JOHNSON. HAMMETT D. WRIGHT.

GILMER STONE. JOHN A. HEALY. WILLIAM C. EDWARDS.

\*THOMAS E. SYMMES. JACOB SMITH. \*CHARLES E. WHIDDEN.

\*GEORGE H. PRESCOTT. WM. M. VOSE. HORACE E. GOULD.

\*W. W. WYMAN. W. E. PARSONS. THOMAS DREW.

G. A. PERHAM.

W. O. HAWKLS.

## WEIGHERS OF COAL.

\*CHAS. E. WHIDDEN.

\*J. M. FLETCHER.

\*E. H. WHIDDEN.

\*WM. H. JOHNSON.

\*GEORGE C. HILL.

No oath is required of the remaining officers. Inspector of provisions excepted.

## MEASURER OF GRAIN.

W. H. H. BURBECK.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ALVIN G. POLLEY . . . Term expires March, 1893.

ALFRED WOODBURY . . . Term expires March, 1893.

GEORGE DREW . . . Term expires March, 1894.

ABIEL J. ABBOT, *Chairman* . . . Term expires March, 1894.

ALBERT R. CHOATE . . . Term expires March, 1895.

AUGUSTUS A. BICKFORD, *Secretary and Superintendent*,  
Term expires March, 1895.

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

WILLIAM E. FROST	.	.	Term expires March, 1893.
NETTIE M. STEVENS	.	.	Term expires March, 1894.
KATE S. HAMLIN.	.	.	Term expires March, 1895.

## LIBRARIAN.

CARRIE E. READ.

## COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

ALLAN CAMERON	.	.	Term expires March, 1893.
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD.	.	.	Term expires March, 1894.
WILLIAM E. FROST.	.	.	Term expires March, 1895.

## POLICE OFFICERS.

JOSEPH H. WILSON.	EUGENE DEROEHN.
SAMUEL H. BALCH.	JOHN R. PIKE.      ANDREW DEROEHN.

## FIRE WARDS.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER.    GEO. F. CARLIN.    WILBERT E. PARSONS.

## FOREST FIRE WARDS.

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD.      EDWARD PRESCOTT.

## AGENT FOR BURIAL OF DECEASED SOLDIERS, ETC.

GEORGE T. DAY.

INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS, ETC.  
(Under Chap. 195, Acts of 1892.)

GEORGE T. DAY.

## UNDERTAKER.

ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

## JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

JOSEPH H. WILSON.

## COMMITTEE TO APPRAISE PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.      W. H. H. BURBECK.      ISAAC E. DAY.

# BIRTHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1892.*

Date.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
June 13, '92,	Adams, Gracie Maria.....	George A. and Carrie L. (Hamlet).
Aug. 4, "	Andrews.....	Frank P. and Emma S. (Stoek).
Mar. 29, "	Barry, Eunice May.....	Patrick J. and Nora A. (Carney).
Mar. 25, "	Blaisdell, Arthur Clifford.....	Alvin J. and Elizabeth A. (Hutchins).
April 11, "	Blartuer, Ida.....	Max and Marie (Hieo).
Aug. 20, "	Brown, Charles.....	Ephraim Reed and Mary L. Brown.
June 29, "	Burnett, Edward Percy.....	William and Maria (Bedford).
Aug. 14, "	Cadman, Alice Blanche.....	Charles A. and Lizzie A. (Bisby).
June 13, "	Carpenter, Clyde.....	Eugene F. and Rebecca (Hamlin).
July 11, "	Carrol, Stanley.....	Foster and Lena (Healy).
Oct. 9, "	Connell, Arthur Frederick.....	John H. and Margaret (Coughlin).
Sept. 25, "	Couture, Henry Gilbert.....	Charles and Emma (Parsons).
Oct. 30, "	Daley, Gladys Catherine.....	Hugh and Kate (Dufort).
Sept. 20, "	Farmer, Marianna.....	Thomas and Mary (Noel).
April 18, "	Field, Leslie Adelbert.....	Adelbert L. and Gertrude (Hunter).
Dec. 8, '91,	Filliatreault, Melonise.....	Isidore and Malvina (Boucher).
Feb. 19, '92,	Flagg, Ruth Arliene.....	Elbert H. and Lucy (Warren).
Jan. 8, "	Gould, Bernice Maud.....	Warren J. and Lizzie (Jeffries).
Oct. 15, "	Grant, Elise William.....	Isaac W. and Lydia E. (Odell).
Mar. 6, "	Harrington, Martha Evelyn.....	William M. and Rhoda A. (Grant).
Aug. 22, "	Hill, Nettie Elizabeth.....	Cleveland and Jennie C. (Dow).
April 21, "	Hammarquist, Agnis Hildur.....	Carl Otto and Mathilda Maria.
April 6, "	Le Ferrier, Frederick George.....	Charles J. and Olivia (Ladro).
Nov. 23, "	Leighton, Mary Elvira.....	A. Richmond and Helen W. (Howe).
Mar. 24, "	Leland, Birdie Ann.....	Leroy B. and Ellen (Griffin).
Mar. 28, "	Lord, Marion Elizabeth.....	David A. and Ada (Bishop).
Jan. 8, "	McComb, Arthur Frederick.....	Joseph and Mary (Davidson).
Jan. 26, "	Mileaux, Marie Georgianna.....	Joseph and Marie (LeFail).
Dec. 24, "	Moran, James Benard.....	Bernard and Mary T. (O'Brien).
Nov. 4, "	Payie, M. Clara Cleminintina.....	Alphonse and Alecina (Gareeau).
April 17, "	Petherick, Albert James.....	William H. and Bertha (Stancombe).
Oct. 16, "	Pike, Pezi.....	Raphael and Fanny (Wofk).
July 15, "	Piper, Alether Morella.....	William F. and Emma M. (Plummer).
May 10, "	Pyne, Olive Josephine.....	James W. and Ella Frances (Moses).
Oct. 19, "	Richardson, A. Minot.....	Albert P. and Alma (Minot).
April 25, "	Sevignie, Alphonse.....	Napoleon and Athanie (Robicheau).
June 3, "	Sevignie, Alphonse.....	John and Alice (Robicheau).
July 31, "	Smith, Nora Jennie.....	Fred P. and Alice M. (Smith).
Sept. 24, "	Spillman, Charles William.....	John and Annie (Mulony).
Mar. 28, "	Spinner, Edward George.....	John and Elizabeth (Wheeler).
Dec. 12, "	Symmes.....	William E. and Laura E. (Noyes).
April 12, "	Tuttle, Alfred Whitmore.....	Nelson L. and Lizzie (Perham).
June 19, "	Verville, Marie O'Berlein.....	Alcide and Marie (Robicheau).
June 26, "	Whitney Frederick Smith.....	William M. and Annie M. (Earle).
July 20, "	Whittemore, William Edward.....	Ernest, and Emily E. (Berry).
Mar. 15, "	Wilkerson, Della Bella.....	Julian and Rachel E. (Hoyt).
July 19, "	Wilkinson, Edmund D.....	Joseph D. and Mary Ann (Young).
Nov. 22, "	Woodward, Alfred Henry.....	Henry D. and Carrie E. (Whitney).
July 26, "	Woodward, Dolsy Josephine.....	George and Eva L. (Whitney).

Whole number recorded, 49; number born in 1892, males 23, females 25, total 48; of American parentage, 19; foreign parentage, 17; American father and foreign mother, 7; American mother and foreign father, 2; nativity of parents unknown, 1; mother native, father unknown, 1; father foreign, mother unknown, 1.

Correction of last year's report: The Atwood child has been named Jessie; parents' names, Daniel E. and Lizzie A.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

# MARRIAGES

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1892.*

Date.	NAMES.	Age.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Oct. 24,	Aiken, Curtis A.....	30	Westford.....	West Potton, P. Q.
	Colburn, Emma B.....	24	Hudson, N. H.....	Hudson, N. H.
Feb. 2,	Baker, George H.....	26	Ayer.....	Sterling.
	Hughes, Kittie.....	21	Westford.....	England.
Dec. 24,	Bryan, Clarence William.....	26	".....	Laconia, N. H.
	Payne, Mary Ann.....	22	".....	Lowell.
Oct. 22,	Cameron, Frank Edward.....	21	".....	Keene, N. H.
	Austin, Addie (Nutting).....	22	".....	Groton.
Nov. 23,	Cyr, Francois.....	25	".....	Fairhaven Vt.
	Broussard, Mary.....	26	Cambridge.....	Nova Scotia.
Aug. 13,	Edwards, John.....	23	Westford.....	England.
	Weaver, Laura Selina.....	23	".....	"
June 22,	Gilman, Arthur.....	22	Lawrence.....	Lebanon. N. H.
	Polley, Hattie A.....	21	Westford.....	Chelmsford.
June 23,	Gilson, Elmer A.....	25	".....	Lawrence.
	Agnew, Alice L.....	19	".....	Westford.
Jan. 20,	Hashman, Alexander Sanford..	21	".....	Halifax, N. S.
	Harris, Nellie May.....	20	".....	Westford.
Jan. 20,	Houghton, Samuel H.....	37	Harvard.....	Harvard.
	Spalding, Hannah E.....	34	Westford.....	Chelmsford.
Aug. 30,	McDonald, Joseph.....	21	".....	Pr. Edward's Isle.
	Sullivan, Nellie.....	22	".....	Ireland.
Aug. 3,	Moss James William.....	21	".....	England.
	Edmunds, Mamie Frances....	20	Manchester, N. H....	Manchester, N. H.
Sep. 29,	Nutting, Elmer E.....	23	Westford.....	Westford.
	Splaine, Mary E.....	23	".....	"
Nov. 22,	O'Brien, William.....	26	".....	"
	Sullivan, Lizzie A.....	26	Monson.....	Monson.
Aug. 14,	Paille, Fride.....	17	Westford.....	Canada.
	Garceau, Josephine.....	18	".....	"
Feb. 28,	Payie, Alfonis.....	20	".....	"
	Garceau, Alexina.....	19	".....	"
July 24,	Pike, Benjamin F.....	44	".....	Hollis, Me.
	White, Lillian Frances (King)	32	".....	Lynn.
July 18,	Prescott, Nathan.....	33	".....	Dorchester.
	Duren, Hattie Maria.....	22	".....	Billerica.
Oct. 1,	Rigby, George.....	23	Woburn.....	England.
	Moore, Susie Maria.....	20	Westford.....	Littleton.
May 4,	Steele, Mervin Francis.....	30	".....	Moore's Forks, N. Y.
	Davidson, Maggie.....	23	".....	Way's Mills, P. Q.
Apr. 4,	Walker, Melvin.....	45	".....	Alstead, N. H.
	Raymond, Abbie E.....	40	Mt. Vernon, N. H....	Mt. Vernon, N. H.
Aug. 14,	Ward, John M.....	41	Westford.....	Worcester.
	Parker, Lue E.....	16	".....	Pepperell.
July 21,	Wright, Henry Merrill.....	31	".....	Westford.
	Rogers, Olive Little.....	23	Marshfield.....	Marshfield.
	One omitted.			

Nunmer of marriages recorded..... 24  
Number solemnized in Westford.... 8  
Westford grooms..... 20  
Westford brides..... 18  
Between Americans..... 13  
Between foreigners..... 4

American groom and foreign bride..... 3  
American bride and foreign groom.... 4  
Second marriage of groom..... 4  
Second marriage of bride..... 2  
Solemnized by Westford clergymen.... 8

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*



# DEATHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1892.*

Date.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		YS.	MS.	DS.
Aug. 4.	Andrews,—, dau. of Frank P. and Emma (Stock).....	..	..	..
May 10.	Andrews, Grace Ruth—dau. of Frank P. and Emma (Stock).....	3	7	23
Feb. 28.	Bailey, John—son of Jacob.....	85	..	..
July 13.	Beauchaine, Louis Arthur—son of Arthur and Dearsarge.....	..	9	10
Jan. 12.	Bicknell, Ira—son of Lemuel and Abigail (Cutter).....	83	9	..
June 18.	Bowker, Elizabeth—dau. of Samuel and Charlotte (Bowker)....	87	4	23
Jan. 23.	Brown, Abram—son of James and Lydia (Spaulding).....	71	..	4
Jan. 30.	Brown, Lydia (Fletcher)—wid. of Abram.....	65	5	19
Jan. 2.	Buckminster, Edward F.—son of Lawson and Nancy (Howe)....	81	5	5
Apr. 14.	Carriek, Mary (Hughes)—wife of William.....	37	..	15
Dec. 6.	Chamberlin, Louisa (Webber)—widow of Phinehas.....	67	..	..
Jan. 2.	Decater, Nancy Ann (Wyman)—wife of John H.....	51	4	1
Oct. 10.	Flinders, Charles R.—son of Peter and Hannah (Heath).....	65	9	1
Feb. 15.	Folland, Richard—son of Hugh and Mary (Honeywill).....	69	11	1
Oct. 27.	Folland, Sarah (Joint)—wid. of Richard.....	72	..	13
Jan. 2.	Giles, Israel H.—son of Luther and Elizabeth (Haynes).....	81	11	..
Sept. 2.	Green, Mary—resident of Lowell.....	77	..	..
Dec. 10.	Harris, William A.—son of David and Sarah (Wintel).....	44	5	1
Jan. 29.	Hayden, Calista (Baxter)—wife of Daniel.....	77	10	14
Nov. 25.	Hemingway, Elizabeth T.—resident of Camden, Me.....	69	8	..
Dec. 25.	Hutchins, Ann L. (Snow)—wife of Samuel M.....	56	..	21
Mar. 28.	Hutchins, Charles W.—resident of Chelmsford.....	24	..	..
Apr. 23.	Ingalls, Arthur E.—son of Geo. W. and Lizzie M. (Spaulding)...	3	..	23
Dec. 3.	Ingalls, Maria Lizzie (Spaulding)—wife of George W.....	35	2	14
Jan. 16.	Kittredge, William L.—son of Wm. and Elizabeth (Tilton).....	41	10	4
May 29.	Lee, William—son of Benjamin.....	77	4	19
Jan. 12.	Luce, Rebecca E. (Guild)—wid. of Leonard.....	90	3	12
Jan. 27.	Mazuzan, John—resident of Lowell.....	65	..	..
Apr. 5.	Moore, George R.—son of John and Myra (Gay).....	74	4	28
Jan. 28.	Murphy, Letitia Jane (Sinnott)—wid. of Simpson J.....	63	..	27
Jan. 3.	Osgood, Nancy (Wight)—wid. of Alden P.....	68	1	5
Jan. 9.	Packard, Edea J. (Drew)—resident of Brockton.....	27	1	5
July 8.	Prescott, Bethiah (Sargent)—wid. of Nathan P.....	70	11	..
Mar. 30.	Prescott, Nathan Pollard—son of Ebenezer and Charlotte (Jones).	74	4	29
Jan. 6.	Robbins, Esther (Blanchard).....	84	3	2
June 1.	Sheahan, Andrew—son of Dennis and Johanna (Daily).....	58	..	..
Sept. 13.	Sullivan, Nancy (Mahoney)—wid. of Jeremiah.....	69	..	..
May 4.	Taylor, George Henry—son of John P. and Ellen (Connell).....	10	7	12
Dec. 17.	Varin, Octave Benjamin—son of Benj. and Marie E. (Perrier)...	40	11	22
Aug. 14.	Verville, Mary O.—dau. of Alcide and Anna (Robicheau).....	..	1	26
June 17.	Ward, Harriet A. (Parker)—wife of John M.....	52	..	..
Oct. 18.	Wheeler, Harriet J. (Gilson)—wid. of Thomas J.....	82	..	11
Nov. 11.	Whigham, William—resident of Lynn.....	24	..	..
Jan. 7.	Wilkerson, Anna (Durant)—wid. of Robert.....	92	6	..
Sept. 9.	Wilkerson, Jos. Edmund—son of Jos. D. and Mary Ann (Young)...	..	1	22
July 25.	Wilkerson, Mary Ann (Young)—wife of Joseph D.....	39	..	..
Dec. 24.	Wing, Sarah J. (Keyser)—wife of Thomas.....	38	..	21
Jan. 9.	Woods, Almira (Green)—wife of James.....	83	11	22
Mar. 4.	Woods, James—son of Jotham and Mary (Gilson).....	85	4	23
June 4.	Wright, Sibyl (Stevens)—wid. of Jesse.....	91	2	23

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded.....	22	28	50
Number of deaths in town.....	19	26	45
Residents of Westford.....	19	24	43
Non-residents brought to town for interment.....	2	1	3
Number of interments in town.....	13	20	33

Causes of death: Pneumonia, 7; lagrippe, 5; heart disease, 4; gastritis, 3; old age, childbirth, Bronchitis, phthisis, cancer, cholera infantum, 2 each; anæmia, cystitis, asthma, senility, exposure to cold, cerebro, spinal congestion, consumption, peritonitis, convulsions, meningitis, gastric ulcer, premature birth, marasmus, gastro enteritis, asthenia, typhoid fever, paralysis, tuberculosis, bright's disease, 1 each.

CORRECTIONS OF LAST YEAR'S REPORT: Mr. Burbeck's father's name should be Joseph. Miss Butterworth's first name should be Ella. The Fraser child's mother's name should be Nancy A. Catherine Driscoll was the "widow" of Patrick. Sally S. Flint, was the "widow" of Levi.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 30, 1892:

152 males at \$2.00 .....	\$304 00
4 females at \$5.00 .....	20 00
<b>Total.</b> .....	<b>\$324 00</b>
Deduct Clerk's fees, 156 licenses at 20 cents each .....	31 20
<b>Balance paid into county treasury</b> .....	<b>\$292 80</b>

For which the receipts of the County Treasury are on file.

Of the foregoing licenses 2 (males) were for the year ending April 30, 1892.

Number licensed since last return. Nov. 30, 1892, 1 (male).

Number licensed for the year ending April 30, 1893: Males, 151; females, 4; total, 155.

Number returned by Assessors, males, 155; females, 3; total, 158.

### OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES SINCE LAST REPORT.

Adams, Chas. L.	Carkin, Geo. F.	Cummings, Chas. M.
Alward, M. S.	Carkin, Isaac W.	Curran, Peter
Balch, S. H.	Carmichael, David	Daily, Hugh
Banister, Chas. H.	Carmichael, James H.	Davis, Alfred S.
Barnard, Joel A.	Carrick, Thomas	Day, George T.
Bean, Mary A.	Carrick, Wm.	Day, Isaac E.
Bemis, Henry S.	Carr, Michael	Decatur, C. R. P.
Berry, Ernest	Carver, Wm. R. (2)	Decatur, John H.
Blodgett, Josiah W.	Casey, Daniel	Defoe, Edward
Blodgett, L. W. (2)	Catchpole, Henry	DeRoehn, Eugene
Blood, Napoleon B.	Caunter, Horace	Desmond, Jeremiah
Bolan, Belle (Fem.)	Cheever, Jacob	Downs, M. F.
Boynton, James M.	Clement, Peter	Drew, Frank C.
Brown, John H.	Collier, James	Drew, Greenlief, Mrs.
Buckingham, John	Comey, Arthur H. (2)	Eaton, Ward W.
Campling, Frank	Cummings, Alvin L.	Edwards, Wm. C.
Carkin, Edwin F.	Cummings, Calvin,	Farrell, Ellen B. (2)

Feeney, John	Ingalls, Geo. W.	Sheahan, Andrew
Felch, John P.	King, Albert	Shugrue, Chas. F.
Fifield Geo. H. (2)	Larkin, John	Splaine, Patrick
Fletcher, Harry N. (2)	Mann, E. L., Mrs.	Stephan, Reinhold
Fletcher, Henry A. (3)	Martin, Frederick	Stevens, E. A.
Fletcher, J. Willard	McDonald, Angus	Sullivan, James
Fletcher, Mary K.	McGlinchey, John	Sullivan, Jeremiah
Floyd, Samuel	Moore, Edward A.	Sweatt, S. D., Mrs.
Flynn, John M.	Moore, G. C.	Sweetser, J. F.
George, Ransom N.	Moore, J. W.	Tallant, E. W.
Gilson, George	Morse, French M.	Voren, Octave
Gilson, Levi S.	Murphy, Henry J.	Vose, Wm. M.
Gould, Horace E.	Nutting, Alvin S.	Wall, Christina
Gower, William	Nutting, William	Ward, Daniel
Greig, D. L. (2-1 fem.)	O'Brien, James (2)	Ward, John M.
Griffin C. M. (2-1 fem.)	O'Brien, John M.	Whigham, Wm.
Harrington, Henry	Osterhout, Fred S.	Whitney, Hiram
Hartford, Geo. H.	Osterhout, J. Clark	Whitney, J. H.
Hawkes, Wesley O.	Palmer, Louis P.	Whitney, Julian
Healy, James, Mrs.	Pike, Benj. F. (fem).	Whitney, Wm. M.
Healy, John	Piper, Wm. F.	Wilkerson, Julian
Healy, John A.	Putney, Lucia	Willis, Wm. T.
Heywood, Albert W.	Quinn, Gilbert	Wing, Thomas
Hildreth, Herbert V.	Records, J. F.	Woodward, Henry
Hill, George W.	Reddick, Lincoln	Wright, Frank C.
Holt, Arthur	Reed, Charles	Wright, Josiah O.
Horan, Thomas	Reed, Charles W.	Wright, Walter C.
Hughes, Thomas	Reed, Wm. (2)	Wright, Willey M.
Hunter, Andrew	Sargent, A. C.	Wright, Wm. O., Mrs.
Hutchins, John	Sargent, F. G.	Wyman, Walter W.
Hutchins, Steph. E.	Searles, Chas. J.	

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

Westford, Feb. 1, 1893.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1892.

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held in the Town House, March 21, 1892, the following business was transacted:

1st. George W. Heywood was appointed teller by the Town Clerk, to serve during the election of Moderator, and he was duly sworn by the said Clerk. J. Henry Read was chosen Moderator.

2d. Voted, that the compensation of the Tax Collector hereafter be one per cent.

3d. The selectmen appointed William E. Frost and W. H. H. Burbeck, ballot clerks, and they were sworn by the Town Clerk.

4th. Lewis C. Dane and James D. Wilson were appointed tellers by the Moderator, and were sworn by the Town Clerk, and took charge of the check list and ballot box, respectively.

5th. The meeting then proceeded to vote for the town officers named in the third article of the warrant, and also on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Before the commencement of voting, the ballot box was opened and found to be empty, the register standing on zero.

The Moderator appointed the following persons tellers, in addition to those already appointed: W. H. H. Burbeck, William E. Frost, E. G. Boynton, C. M. Griffin, A. R. Leighton, J. C. Decatur, L. E. Wilkins, S. L. Taylor, John Lanktree, J. M. Fletcher; and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

At the close of the polls the register stood on 250.

No. of names checked on voting list, 247.

No. of names checked on ballot Clerk's list, 248.

Whole number of ballots cast (by count) 247.

One voter who passed the Ballot Clerks, failed to vote, the time for the closing of the polls having arrived before he reached the ballot box.

6th. Voted, to take up the 4th Article.

7th. Voted, to accept the report of the Selectmen as printed.

8th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

9th. Voted, to accept the Report of the School Committee as printed.

10th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Trustees of the Town Library as printed.

11th. Voted, to adopt the Report of the Trustees of the Town Library as printed. The report recommends the raising and appropriating of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of books.

12th. Voted, to accept the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, as printed.

13th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Auditor, as printed.

14th. Voted, to excuse George T. Day, Samuel G. Humiston and Wayland F. Balch from serving as Jurors and add Fred O. Stiles to the list.

15th. Voted, to accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen, as amended, which consists of the following names: Hammett D. Wright, William M. Lee, Isaac W. Carlin, Augustus Bunce, George H. Hartford, George W. Bussey, Horace E. Gould, Theodore H. Hamblet, Frank H. Hildreth, Charles M. Griffin, Lewis C. Dane, Melbourne F. Hutchins, Alvin G. Polley, Francis L. Fletcher, Hiram Whitney, George F. Carlin, James H. O'Brien, Elbert H. Flagg, Frank W. Banister, Wilbert E. Parsons, J. Everett Woods, Fred O. Stiles.

16th. Voted, to raise and appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3,000.) for the Repair of Roads and Bridges.

17th. Voted, to raise and appropriate forty-eight hundred dollars (\$4,800.) for the support of Public Schools.

18th. Voted, to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the support of the Poor.

19th. Voted, to raise and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.) to defray Town Debts and Charges.

20th. In regard to Article 15, which was "To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money, from time to time, to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same," the Town voted to give such authority to the Town Treasurer.

21st. Voted, to choose all other officers necessary to be chosen, by hand vote.

22d. Chose the following persons Field Drivers: Wilbert E. Parsons, John Feeney, Henry O. Keyes, Mark M. Morrison.

23d. Chose the following persons Fence Viewers: Alvin G. Polley, Almon S. Vose, Lewis C. Dane.

24th. Chose the following persons Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber: Charles L. Fletcher, Gilmer Stone, Jacob Smith, Thomas E. Symmes, Charles E. Whidden, G. A. Perham, Thomas Drew, George H. Prescott, W. W. Johnson, Wm. C. Edwards, Hammett D. Wright, John A. Healy, W. W. Wyman, W. E. Parsons, Wm. M. Vose, W. O. Hawkes, Horace E. Gould.

25th. Voted, to adopt the provisions of Chap. 264, Acts of 1890, in regard to electing Commissioners of Public Cemeteries.



26th. Voted, to raise and appropriate twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.) to repair, paint, and furnish lamps and furniture for the inside of the Town House.

27th. Voted, to leave the matter of insuring the public buildings with the Selectmen.

28th. Voted, to dismiss the 20th. Article, in relation to the Evening School at Graniteville.

29th. Voted, that the Selectmen report, at a future meeting, the expense of fire apparatus for the Town as proposed by the 21st. Article.

30th. Voted, to dismiss the 22d. Article, in relation to the heating and ventilating apparatus at the Forge Village School House.

31st. Voted, to dismiss the 23d. Article, in relation to the compensation of the Town Treasurer.

32d. The votes for town officers were sorted and counted, and the following persons were found to have a plurality of votes, and were declared to be elected:

TOWN CLERK—Gilman J. Wright, sworn by the Moderator.

SELECTMEN—For one year, George W. Heywood; for two years, J. Henry Read; for three years, Sherman H. Fletcher. They were all sworn by the Town Clerk.

ASSESSORS—For one year, Frank C. Drew; for two years, Melbourne F. Hutchins; for three years, George H. Hartford. Messrs. Drew and Hartford took the oath prescribed by law, administered by the Moderator.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR—For one year, Alvin G. Polley; for two years, Hammett D. Wright; for three years, Wayland F. Balch.

TOWN TREASURER—Nahum H. Wright.

CONSTABLES—Isaac E. Day, John A. Healy.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—Isaac E. Day.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—For one year, Alfred Woodbury; for three years, Albert R. Choate, Augustus A. Bickford.

AUDITOR—George W. Goode.

TRUSTEE OF TOWN LIBRARY—Kate S. Hamlin.

The votes on the question of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors were sorted and counted, and the result declared to be as follows:

Yes—Seventy-two (72).

No—One hundred and thirty-seven (137).

33d. Voted, to accept the minutes of the meeting.

34th. Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

J. HENRY READ, *Moderator.*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*



## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 23, 1892.

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held in the Town House, April 23, 1892, the following business was transacted:

1st. Chose J. Henry Read, Moderator.

2d. The Selectmen appointed W. H. H. Burbeck and Samuel L. Taylor, Ballot Clerks, and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk, and received the ballots from that officer, and gave their receipt therefor.

3d. The Moderator appointed George W. Heywood and Sherman H. Fletcher, Tellers, and they were sworn by the Town Clerk, and took charge of the ballot box and check list respectively. The Moderator then declared the polls to be opened, and the voting for town officers commenced. Polls closed at, 12 M. The Moderator appointed as additional Tellers, Albert P. Richardson, George H. Hartford, John Wilson, John M. Fletcher, and Joseph H. Wilson; and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. The Moderator reported the whole number of ballots cast, as 119, which agreed with the number of names checked on each check list. The ballots were sorted and counted, and the following persons were found to have a plurality of votes, and were declared to be elected:

ASSESSOR—A. Richmond Leighton, in place of Melbourne F. Hutchins, declined.

COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS—For one year, Allan Cameron; for two years, George W. Heywood; for three years, William E. Frost.

4th. Voted, to accept and adopt the Report of the Selectmen in regard to Fire Apparatus. The Report recommends the raising and appropriating of four hundred dollars (\$400).

5th. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to act as Agents in any suit or suits which may arise during the ensuing year.

6th. Voted, to take up the 9th Article.

7th. Voted, to raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) to make changes in the Town House stage.

8th. Voted, that the Report of the Auditor, on the Collectors' accounts, be printed.

9th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Auditor, on Collectors' accounts.

10th. Voted, to appropriate fifty dollars (\$50) to keep in repair the headstones of deceased soldiers and sailors, and one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) for the improvement of public burial grounds.

11th. Voted, to authorize the Collector to charge interest at the rate of six per cent. on all taxes uncollected on or after January first.

12th. Voted, to chose a Committee of three to examine and report in regard to the uncollected taxes of 1888 and 1889. Chose Arthur Wright, John Lanktree, and A. Richmond Leighton as that Committee.

13th. Voted, to accept the minutes of the meeting.

14th. Voted, to dissolve the meeting.

J. HENRY READ, *Moderator.*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JULY 16, 1892.

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At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held in the Town House, July 16, 1892, the following business was transacted:

- 1st. Chose J. Henry Read Moderator by acclamation.
- 2d. Voted, to refer the Auditor's Report to the Selectmen.
- 3d. Voted, that the Report of the Committee chosen at the meeting April 23d be laid on the table, and that they be discharged from further service.
- 4th. Voted, to dismiss the 4th Article.
- 5th. Voted, to accept the minutes of the meeting.
- 6th. Voted, to dissolve the meeting.

J. HENRY READ, *Moderator.*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

NOTE—The 4th Article, referred to above, is as follows: "To see what action, if any, the Town will take in regard to the taxes of 1892 and the collection of the same."

G. J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

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ERRORS IN LAST YEAR'S REPORT OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—In the record of the vote on the license question, for "was sorted" read, were sorted. See page 12. In the 16th item, for "accept," read, adopt.

# NATIONAL AND STATE ELECTION, NOV. 8, 1892.

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Abstract of the record of the vote of the Town of Westford.

Whole number of ballots cast..... 412

**PERSIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Bidwell and Canfill, (Prohibition).....	9
Cleveland and Stevenson, (Democratic).....	145
Harrison and Reid, (Republican).....	241
Blanks.....	17

**GOVERNOR:**

William H. Haile, of Springfield.....	228
Wolcott Hamlin, of Amherst.....	8
William E. Russell, of Cambridge.....	141
Blanks.....	35

**LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:**

James B. Carroll, of Springfield.....	125
Edward Kendall, of Cambridge.....	9
Roger Wolcott, of Boston.....	218
Blanks.....	60

**SECRETARY:**

Charles S. Hamlin, of Brookline.....	130
William M. Olin, of Boston.....	217
Samuel B. Shapleigh, of Boston.....	8
Blanks.....	57

**TREASURER:**

Wilbert D. Farnham, Jr., of Somerville.....	10
James S. Grinnell, of Greenfield.....	123
George A. Marden, of Lowell.....	223
Blanks.....	56

## AUDITOR :

Alfred H. Evans, of Ashburnham.....	14
John W. Kimball, of Fitchburg.....	223
Irving B. Sayles, of Millbury.....	121
Blanks.....	54

## ATTORNEY-GENERAL :

Charles S. Lilley, of Lowell.....	122
Albert E. Pillsbury, of Boston.....	226
Robert F. Raymond, of New Bedford.....	10
Blanks.....	54

## REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS :

Lewis Dewart Apsley, of Hudson.....	227
Frederic S. Coolidge, of Ashburham.....	126
Frank M. Forbush, of Natick.....	10
Blanks.....	49

## COUNCILLOR :

James H. Carmichael, of Lowell.....	122
Luman T. Jefts, of Hudson.....	232
Blanks.....	58

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY :

William N. Osgood, of Malden.....	127
Gilbert A. A. Pevey, of Cambridge.....	9
Fred N. Wier, of Lowell.....	224
Blanks.....	52

## SHERIFF :

Henry G. Cushing, of Lowell.....	257
Blanks.....	155

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER :

Francis Bigelow, of Natick.....	223
Frederick W. Trowbridge, 2d, of Hudson.....	125
Blanks.....	64

## SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS :

Lyman Dike, of Stoneham.....	216
William H. Hastings, of Framingham.....	105
Stephen B. Puffer, of Lowell.....	107
Edward Everett Thompson, of Woburn.....	188
Blanks.....	208



## COMMISSIONERS OF INSOLVENCY :

George J. Burns, of Ayer.....	218
John Haskell Butler, of Somerville.....	198
Jeremiah Crowley, of Lowell.....	118
Frederic T. Greenhalge, of Lowell.....	202
Joseph P. Lyons, of Watertown.....	105
Richard McKelligett, of Cambridge.....	98
Blanks.....	297

## REGISTER OF PROBATE :

Samuel H. Folsom, of Winchester.....	256
Blanks.....	156

## SENATOR :

George F. Clark, of Acton.....	10
John W. Johnson, of Woburn.....	119
Elisha H. Shaw, of Chelmsford.....	236
Blanks.....	47

## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT :

Frank Lawrence Blood, of Groton.....	131
Phineas G. Collins, of Westford.....	14
Frank Leighton, of Pepperell.....	222
Blanks...	45

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT :

Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution, abolishing the property qualification for the office Governor, be approved and ratified? Yes, 95 ; No, 79 ; blanks, 238.

## Return of votes for Representative in General Court for Middlesex District No. 31 :

	Dunsta- ble.	Groton.	Pepper- ell.	West- ford.	Total.
Frank Lawrence Blood, of Groton	39	156	193	131	519
Phineas G. Collins, of Westford..		4	5	14	23
Frank Leighton, of Pepperell....	56	220	438	222	936
Total.....	95	380	636	367	1478

Leighton's plurality, 417.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## FIRES IN 1892.

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April 19. Forest fire near Graniteville. One hundred acres burned over. Damage \$1,000. Caused by boys setting a fire carelessly and allowing it to get beyond their control. Owners, Mrs. Geo. Reed, Patten heirs, G. F. Stiles, Nashua, Acton & Boston R. R., Edward Prescott, Oren Coolidge.

April 26. Forest fire. Twenty acres burned over. Estimated loss, \$200. Cause unknown. Owners, John O'Brien and Ephraim A. Stevens.

May 1. Forest fire. Forty acres burned over. Estimated loss, \$500. Cause unknown. Owned by Noah Prescott.

May 17. Forest fire. Five acres burned over. Damage \$100. Cause unknown. Owned by Charles A. Hamlin.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors of the Town of Westford submit the following report :

Value of buildings, exclusive of land, May 1, 1892...	\$529,610 00
Value of land, exclusive of buildings, May 1, 1892...	388,485 00
Value of personal estate, May 1, 1892.....	224,490 00
	\$1,142,585 00

Amount raised for :

Purchase of books for Town Library...	\$ 150 00
Repair of roads and bridges.....	3,000 00
Support of Public Schools.....	4,800 00
Support of Poor.....	2,000 00
Town debts and charges.....	1,500 00
Repairing and furnishing Town House..	1,200 00
Purchase of Fire Apparatus.....	400 00
Changes in Town House Stage.....	150 00
	\$13,200 00
State tax.....	1,015 00
County tax.....	1,133 27
Overlayings.....	707 58
Additional taxes.....	19 50
	\$16,075 37

Number of polls.....	615
houses.....	459
horses.....	401
cows.....	788
sheep.....	37
Cattle other than cows.....	200
Swine.....	50
Fowls.....	5,927

Tax on one hundred dollars, \$1.00.

GEORGE H. HARTFORD,  
A. R. LEIGHTON,  
FRANK C. DREW,

*Assessors of Westford.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WESTFORD, MASS., February.

The treasurer of Westford submits the following report :

### RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand Feb. 26, 1892.....	\$2,833 80
To cash borrowed.....	9,000 00
From State corporation tax, 1891.....	10 83
State corporation tax, 1892.....	2,871 84
bank tax, 1892.....	650 51
soldiers' families, 1891.....	897 00
indigent soldiers, 1891.....	171 00
school fund, 1891-92.....	324 41
armory rent, 1892.....	175 00
county treasurer, 1892, dog tax.....	269 38
J. H. Wilson, janitor Town Hall.....	85 00
A. Fisher, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
Frank Wright, two doors.....	2 00
I. E. Day, collector, 1888.....	133 56
I. E. Day, collector, 1889.....	1,823 19
I. E. Day, collector, before Oct. 1, 1892.....	9,135 72
I. E. Day, collector, before Dec. 1, 1892.....	704 02
I. E. Day, after Dec. 1, 1892.....	1,002 78
I. E. Day, interest on taxes.....	69 09
Alec Fisher, collector, 1890.....	244 01
Alec Fisher, collector, 1891.....	440 49
Alec Fisher, collector, interest on taxes, 1890....	20 42
Alec Fisher, interest on taxes, 1891.....	14 26
Alec Fisher, postage received.....	3 30
M. F. Downs, balance on note.....	11 50
income from library funds.....	108 00
M. H. A. Evans, rent of Keyes' pond.....	20 00
W. C. Robbins, for horse.....	25 00
Carrie E. Read, catalogue sold.....	50
Carrie E. Read, library fines.....	10 00

<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	\$31,058 61
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<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$31,058 61
From Carrie E. Read, book rack .....	1 00
gift to library .....	5 00
First district court fines .....	35 19
City of Lowell, on account of paupers .....	30 25
State of Mass., on account of paupers .....	16 00
Town of Tyngsboro', on account of paupers .....	31 50
Town of Orleans, support of Isaac L. Gould .....	7 81
Town of Ayer, on account of paupers .....	31 25
J. W. Abbot, use of town team .....	1 63
Henry Chamberlin, teaming coal .....	60
Henry Chamberlin, bating horse .....	25
J. A. Downs, teaming coal .....	60
C. E. Whidden, use of town team .....	11 00
J. H. Read, board of John Green .....	108 00
John Feeney, for lamps .....	1 50
W. E. Frost, for plank .....	1 83
A. R. Leighton, for plank .....	3 20
J. H. Brown, for lamps .....	1 00
J. H. Moulton, broken glass .....	1 25
J. H. Wilson, old iron sold .....	2 80
S. M. Peasley, on account of schools, by A. G. Polley .....	9 00
Town of Groton, scholar's tuition .....	16 25
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	\$31,375 52

## PAYMENTS

By cash, notes, and interest .....	\$ 6,199 22
State tax, 1892 .....	1,015 00
county tax, 1892 .....	1,133 27
Overseers of the poor .....	2,455 16
orders for incidental expenses .....	10,359 26
on account of schools, 1892 .....	3,848 67
on account of library .....	543 12
cash on hand .....	5,821 82
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	\$31,375 52

NAHUM H. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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### COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

#### TOWN TREASURER.

Nahum H. Wright, salary year ending March 1st, 1892.....	\$50 00	
Time and expense going to Lowell six times on town business.....	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$59 00

#### TOWN CLERK.

Gilman J. Wright, salary.....	\$ 12 00	
Recording and making returns to secretary of the Commonwealth of births, marriages, and deaths, for the year 1891, as follows :		
38 births.....	19 00	
24 marriages.....	3 60	
20 deaths.....	4 00	
32 deaths.....	3 20	
Extra services, before March meeting, 1892.....	4 00	
Extra services, before April meeting, 1892.....	3 00	
Extra services before Nov. meeting, 1892.....	2 00	
Time and expense of Town Clerk at Groton.....	3 00	
Making report to town.....	3 00	
Express charges.....	3 80	
Stationery and postage.....	1 50	
Telephone.....	75	
Dog license blanks and notices.....	2 25	
Two Record books.....	2 00	
One Index book.....	25	
Paid Justice for administering oath.....	25	
	<hr/>	\$67 60

## SELECTMEN.

J. Henry Read, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	10 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	20 00	
Paid for recording deed of Town Com- mon.....	75	
	<hr/>	\$35 75
Sherman H. Fletcher, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Making out monthly state aid book.....	6 00	
Making out 24 State aid and indigent sol- diers' returns, under Chaps. 279 and 301, Acts of 1889.....	6 00	
Making out town report.....	10 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	25 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$77 00
George W. Heywood, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	20 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$45 00

## AUDITOR.

George W. Goode, auditing accounts of town officers.....	\$ 26 00	
Clarence W. Whidden, accountant, audi- ting Tax Collector's books for 11 years, at \$10.00 per year.....	110 00	
	<hr/>	\$136 00

## ASSESSORS.

George H. Hartford, 35 days taking invoice, making taxes, and making duplicate copy.....	\$ 87 50	
Amos R. Leighton, 17 days taking in- voice and making taxes.....	42 50	
Frank C. Drew, 33 days taking invoice, making taxes, and making duplicate copy.....	82 50	
	<hr/>	\$212 50

## TAX COLLECTOR.

Isaac E. Day, collecting \$1,956.75, at one per cent, 1888-89.....	\$ 19 56	
Collecting \$10,842.42, at one per cent. 1892.....	108 42	
	<hr/>	\$127 98

## CONSTABLES.

Isaac E. Day, posting warrants for four town meetings .....	\$16 00	
Expense of notifying and collecting dog licenses.....	10 50	
Express .....	25	
	<hr/>	\$ 26 75

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Frank L. Fletcher, attending four registrars' meetings .....	\$ 8 00	
Wesley O. Hawkes, attending four registrars' meetings.....	8 00	
Nelson L. Tuttle, attending eleven registrars' meetings.....	22 00	
Quincy W. Day, attending six registrars' meetings.....	12 00	
Oscar R. Spalding, attending seven registrars' meetings .....	14 00	
Samuel L. Taylor, attending one registrars' meeting .....	2 00	
Gilman J. Wright, attending eleven registrars' meetings.....	22 00	
Gilman J. Wright, services as clerk of board.	7 00	
Blank book for registrars.....	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$96 25

## INSPECTORS OF ELECTIONS AND TELLERS.

W. H. H. Burbeck, inspector, 1891-92.....	\$10 50	
William E. Frost, inspector, 1892.....	5 00	
H. V. Hildreth, teller, Nov., 1891-92.....	2 00	
W. F. Balch, teller Nov., 1891.....	1 00	
J. R. Pike, teller Nov., 1891.....	1 00	
O. R. Spalding, teller Nov., 1891.....	1 00	
G. H. Hartford, teller, 1891-92.....	2 00	
L. E. Wilkins, teller Nov., 1891, March, 1892,	2 00	
J. D. Wilson, services at ballot box and teller, March and Nov., 1892.....	6 00	
L. C. Dane, services at ballot box and teller, March and Nov., 1892.....	6 00	
John Lanktree, teller, March, 1892.....	1 00	
A. R. Leighton, teller, March and Nov., 1892.....	2 00	
J. M. Fletcher, teller, April and Nov., 1892,	1 50	
John Wilson, teller, April, 1892.....	50	
Samnel L Taylor, teller, April, 1892.....	50	
	<hr/>	\$42 00

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. S. Moulton, salary, winter term, 1891-92..	\$50 00	
Making out school report .....	10 00	
Services as supply agent .....	8 00	
Making return to State .....	2 00	
Team transporting books .....	1 50	
A. A. Bickford, salary, summer term....	50 00	
A. A. Bickford, salary, fall term.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$171 50

## UNDERTAKER.

Albert P. Richardson, attending 39 funerals with hearse .....	\$78 00	
	<hr/>	\$78 00

## TRUANT OFFICERS.

W. E. Parsons, services for 1891 .....	\$3 50	
Eugene DeRoehn, services Sept., 1891, to Dec., 1892 .....	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$9 50

## APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

Alvan Fisher, year ending March 1, 1892...	\$2 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, year ending March 1, 1893 .....	2 00	
Samuel L. Taylor, year ending March 1, 1892-93 .....	4 00	
Isaac E. Day, year ending March 1, 1893, and making schedule .....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$10 50

## REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES AND ARTICLES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

## CENTER SCHOOLHOUSE—TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid Geo. H. Holt, for casting and pump handle .....	\$ 1 00	
for coal hod and broom .....	80	
Moss Bros., stove pipe and labor .....	5 40	
for locks, bolts, shovel, etc., as per bill..	5 82	
J. M. Fletcher, 1 dust Brush .....	65	
George Drew, labor and supplies fur- nished .....	43 97	
	<hr/>	\$57 64
<i>Amount carried forward .....</i>		<hr/> \$57 64

*Amount brought forward*..... \$57 64

STONY BROOK SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid for axe, brooms, etc., as per bill.....	\$1 90	
George Drew, labor and supplies.....	4 75	
	<hr/>	\$6 65

FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOLHOUSE—TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid Wright & Bemis, brooms, axe, etc. ....	\$ 2 74	
Middlesex Machine Co., for heating and ventilating apparatus.....	450 00	
George Drew, labor.....	75	
	<hr/>	\$453 49

NASHOBA SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid for broom, pail, etc., as per bill.....	\$ 83	
George Drew, labor and supplies.....	6 80	
	<hr/>	\$7 63

PARKERVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid for broom, dust brush, etc., as per bill.	\$2 77	
George Drew, labor and supplies.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$8 77

MINOTT'S CORNER SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid for basin, as per bill .....	\$ 50	
George Drew, labor and supplies.....	3 40	
	<hr/>	\$3 90

NABNASSETT SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid for broom and pail, as per bill .....	\$1 15	
George Drew, labor and supplies.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$2 65

LONG-SOUGHT-FOR SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid for broom, etc., as per bill .....	\$ 45	
Moss Bros., repair of stove.....	17 00	
George Drew, labor and supplies.....	9 40	
	<hr/>	\$26 85

LYON SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid Geo. H. Holt, repairs of pump and well.	\$4 00	
Gilmer Stone, labor.....	3 00	
for brooms, pail, etc., as per bill.....	1 50	
H. A. Chandler, cleaning well.....	2 00	
George Drew, labor and supplies.....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$13 00

*Amount carried forward*..... \$580 58



*Amount brought forward* . . . . . \$580 58

GRANITEVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE—FOUR SCHOOLS.

Paid Geo. H. Holt, repair of pump and platform . . . . .	\$ 6 50	
Wright & Bemis, for brooms, axe, glass, coal hod, etc . . . . .	9 81	
W. A. Mack & Co., repair of furnace . . .	82 56	
George Drew, labor and supplies . . . . .	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 87
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		\$681 45

SCHOOLHOUSE FENCES.

We found that many of the schoolhouse fences would have to be rebuilt the coming year, many of the old boards on the fences could be used again, but the posts were badly decayed and would have to be replaced by new ones. An opportunity occurred whereby we could purchase chestnut posts and have them well seasoned before using. We believed it was economy for the town to do so, and have incurred the following expense.

Paid E. G. and O. R. Spalding, for 300 Chestnut posts . . . . .	\$48 00	
Heywood & Burbeck, sawing posts . . . .	6 00	
W. W. Johnson, teaming posts . . . . .	60	
	<hr/>	\$54 60

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Paid D. C. Heath & Co., books . . . . .	\$ 34 61	
Ginn & Co., books . . . . .	12 42	
Boston School Supply Co., books . . . . .	84 95	
American Book Co., books . . . . .	66 96	
William Ware & Co., books . . . . .	1 46	
J. L. Hammett, books . . . . .	133 96	
Lee & Shepard, books . . . . .	5 42	
University Publishing Co., books . . . . .	67 11	
George S. Perry & Co., books . . . . .	22 14	
F. W. Park, books . . . . .	11 50	
Wright & Fletcher, pencils, ink, etc . . .	75	
A. A. Bickford, express and freight on books and supplies . . . . .	5 75	
C. E. Whidden, express on books . . . . .	4 90	
	<hr/>	\$451 39

## EXPENSE OF TOWN COUNSEL.

Paid Marshall, Hamblet & Burke, legal services and expenses, 1891.....	\$117 00	
Marshall, Hamblet & Burke, legal services on account of Overseers of the Poor. Commonwealth vs. Town of Westford, argument before Superior Court and argument on exceptions before Supreme Judicial Court, full bench.....	273 97	
	<hr/>	\$390 97

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid C. E. Whidden, freight and express....	\$ 3 20	
H. Chamberlain, care of horses, February and March.....	18 00	
John R. Pike, dinner for election officers, March meeting.....	5 00	
C. W. Decatur, guarding fire at Wright's house, Dec., 1891.....	1 50	
George Farrar, guarding fire at Wright's house, Dec., 1891.....	1 50	
Gilmer Stone, guarding fire at Wright's house, Dec., 1891.....	1 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for stamps, envelopes, nails etc., as per bill.....	21 69	
B. F. Nutting, mowing grass and brush at North burial ground, 1891.....	7 00	
For shovels, picks, bars, rakes, tin cases, etc., as per bill.....	27 07	
For postage, for mailing Town Reports, 1892.....	15 00	
For 6 police badges.....	6 00	
J. A. Healy, damage to sled on highway.....	6 31	
Mrs. Berry, damage to wagon, on highway.....	1 75	
W. W. Johnson, teaming.....	2 50	
For cash book, for tax collector.....	1 75	
Geo. Tyler & Co., 2 sections for road scraper.....	8 00	
For 2,453 feet lumber, for rails.....	33 70	
C. & M. R. R., freight.....	52	
W. C. Robbins, for one pair of horses..	275 00	
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, for 6 Collectors' books.....	11 50	
For feed bags, etc., as per bill.....	2 20	
N. L. Tuttle, repairing road scraper....	1 00	
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<hr/>	\$451 69

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$451 69	
Paid N. L. Tuttle, repairing cart body.....	5 75	
W. J. Gould, shoeing horses, repairs, etc.	37 69	
W. C. Edwards, repairing chimney at Town House.....	19 50	
B. V. Wright, use of land for cavalry target practice, 1892.....	5 00	
Eugene DeRoehn, expenses at 1st Dis- trict Court.....	3 49	
H. C. Sherwin, expenses at the 1st Dis- trict Court.....	1 50	
For postage, envelopes, stationery, etc., for town officers.....	20 57	
Mrs. H. Chamberlain, food for election officers, November meeting, 1892...	1 00	
For books for Assessors and Collector, as per bill....	4 40	
Wright & Fletcher, for powder, fuse, lan- terns, cash for express, telephone, etc., as per bill.....	28 43	
E. E. Nutting, damage to team and har- ness on highway.....	25 00	
T. E. Symmes, estimating No. of miles of roads.....	75	
H. Chamberlain, care of horses, Decem- ber and January.....	18 60	
John Feeney, repair of harnesses, as per bill.....	5 45	
Jesse A. Viles, veterinary, examining horses.....	8 00	
Timothy Driscoll, for land damage, in widening and straightening road, June 3, 1886.....	7 00	
J. F. Smith, M. D., returning 30 births, under Chap. 158, Acts of 1883.....	7 50	
H. E. Fletcher & Co., 4 stone steps to side door to Town House.....	10 40	
	<hr/>	\$661 72

## PRINTING.

Paid F. A. Frost & Co., letter heads.....	\$ 2 00	
500 letter heads.....	2 50	
Printing and supplies.....	4 00	
Vox Populi Press, 650 Town and School reports.....	122 50	
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	<hr/>	\$131 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$131 00	
Paid Vox Populi Press, 25 extra School Reports, slips of new books, Town warrants, etc.....	14 75	
400 Auditor's Reports.....	7 75	
Notices.....	3 00	
Morning Mail Co., ballots for March meeting.....	10 50	
Ballots for April meeting, Tramp notices, etc.....	12 00	
Tax bills, etc.....	9 85	
	<hr/>	\$188 85

### CENTENNIAL OF THE ACADEMY.

The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Academy occurred June 17, 1892. As this institution is so closely identified with the history of this town, it seems proper that notice should be taken of it. No official action was taken by the town, but the citizens generally co-operated with the Board of Trustees in celebrating the event. A reunion of past scholars was held at the Town Hall in the forenoon. Dinner was served on the Common under a large tent, where an address was delivered by Hon. John D. Long of Hingham, President of the Board of Trustees; a poem by Rev. Edward A. Horton of Boston, Superintendent of the school; followed by addresses by Prof Chas W. Eliot of Cambridge, President of Harvard College; Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., of Boston; Ex-Gov. George S. Boutwell of Groton; Hon. Frederic T. Greenhalge, of Lowell; Col. Daniel Needham, of Groton; Charles S. Hamlin, Esq., of Brookline; Rev. George H. Young, of Lawrence; and William E. Frost, A. M., principal of the Academy. In the evening the Alumni held a reception in the Town Hall.

A small expense occurred in building permanent seats on the Common as follows :

Paid E. G. and O. R. Spalding, for 21 chest-nut posts.....	\$2 10	
Gilmer Stone, for building seats.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$5 10

### TOWN COMMON.

During the past year we have come in possession, from John M. Fletcher, Esq., of the original deed of the Common, as given by Joseph Underwood in 1748. No record could be found in the office of Register of Deeds that it had ever been recorded. We have had it recorded and herewith print a copy of it.



## COPY OF DEED OF TOWN COMMON.

“To all People to whom these Presents shall come Greeting

“Know ye that I, Joseph Underwood of Wesford, in the County of Middlesex in his Majesty's Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, Husbandman, For & in consideration of the Sum of Twenty Pounds in Bills of Public Credit of ye old Tenor to me in hand before the equaling, hereof well and truly paid by Capt. Thomas Read, Lieut. Jonas Prescott, Junr. & and Mr. John Abbott all of sd Wesford, and are a Committee chosen by sd Town May the 21st 1744, Bot. of sd Underwood a piece of Land for the convenience of a Training Field (as by sd Vote will more fully appear) The receipt whereoff I hereby acknowledge & myself herewith fully satisfied & contented & whereoff & off every part & parcle thereof do xonerate, acquitt & discharge them, the sd Capt. Thomas Read Lieut. Jonas Prescott Junr. & Mr. John Abbott, Committee and their constituents forever by these Presents, Have Given, Granted, Bargained, Sold, Aliend, Conveyed & Confirmed, and by these Presents do freely, fully, & absolutely give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey, confirm unto them, the sd Capt. Thomas Read Lieut. Jonas Prescott Junr. & Mr. John Abbott Committee in trust for sd Town of Wesford & to sd Town their constituent forever, Two small Tracts of Land lying & being in Wesford aforesaid near the Meeting House both containing a quarter of an acre be it more or less, both said tracts being comprehended within the bounds following Viz: Beginning at the Southwesterly Corner at a Maple Tree growing out of a Rock that is between Two Roads and about ten or eleven Rods South of the Meeting House; from thence running Northeasterly crossing the Road to a Heap of Stones, and so on to a Black Oak Tree Marked & still running on to a Stake & Stones at the Corner of sd Underwood's wall; from thence running Westerly about eighteen or nineteen rods by the way till it comes to another way and thence to the Bound first Mentioned, excepting out of this bargain & sale all the ways that may be contained within the above mentioned bounds of the Premises; To have and to hold the sd granted and bargained Premises with all the appurtenances, Privileges and commodities to the same belonging, or in any wise appurthaining to, then the sd Capt. Thomas Read Lieut. Jonas Prescott Junr. & Mr. John Abbott Committee in Trust for sd Town of Wesford & by them to sd Town, their constituents forever, to their only proper use Benefit and behoof forever, free from all incumberances of what name or nature whatever that might in any way or any measure injure obstruct or make Void this present deed furthermore I, the sd Joseph Underwood for myself my heirs executors administrators do covenant & engage the above demised Premises to them the sd Capt. Thomas Read, Lieut. Jonas Prescott Junr. & Mr. John Abbott Committee in trust for sd Town of Wesford and by them to the Town & their constituents against all the lawful claims or demands of any Person or Persons whatsoever forever hereafter to warrent



secure and defend by these Presents In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 7th day of December Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & forty eight and in the 22d year of the reign of King George the 2d

“JOSEPH UNDERWOOD [L. S.]

“Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of

“WILLARD HALL

“EPH CRAFT

“Middlesex ss December ye 8th 1748 Joseph Underwood the above named Personally appeared and acknowledged the forgoing instrument to be his free act and deed Before Me

“THOMAS READ, *Justice of Peace.*”

“Middlesex, ss., Feb. 2, 1893. Received 2.10 P. M., and recorded with Middlesex No. Dist. Deeds, Book 240, page 127.

“JOSEPH P. THOMPSON, *Register.*”

## SHADE TREES.

The designating and preserving shade trees on the highways, which was commenced last year has been continued. A new supply of (M) spikes and washers have been received from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, and have been expended under the direction of the Westford Improvement Association. The trees that have been designated by these official spikes have been left standing by the roadside by woodchoppers and others, and in years to come will be an ornament to the town.

## FOREST FIRES.

We again call attention, as we did last year, to the carelessness of irresponsible parties in setting fires near wood and sprout land. Four fires have been reported by the Forest Firewards the past year, resulting in damages of nearly \$2,000, as can be seen by the Town Clerk's report. The largest fire, near Graniteville, was undoubtedly set by boys. With the other fires it could not be ascertained who caused them. In the early spring fishing parties from Lowell were in the habit of congregating on the banks of Stony Brook and building fires (generally Saturday nights), thereby endangering the adjoining woodland. Officer John R. Pike was ordered to look after them, and this business was soon stopped. The penalty for setting these fires is sufficient, but the trouble is in getting proper evidence to convict under the law.

The following expenses have occurred:

Paid F. G. Sargent, for help guarding fire near Graniteville.....	\$8 00	
Noah Prescott, for help guarding fire May 12, 1892.....	12 00	
A. E. Wilson, guarding fire on land of E. A. Stevens and others.....	1 00	
H. A. Bunce, guarding fire on land of E. A. Stevens and others.....	1 00	
C. H. Bicknell, guarding fires on land of E. A. Stevens and others.....	1 00	
John R. Pike, services as police officer..	1 50	
W. W. Johnson, guarding fire.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$25 50

### GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

We submit the following report on guide posts and guide boards. New guide posts and new guide boards have been erected at the following places, viz.: At the Gilbert Parker place, cross-road near Amos Leighton's, cross-roads near Samuel L. Taylor's, and new guide boards near Perham place, and corner of road opposite A. C. Whittier's. The rest of the guide posts and guide boards in town are in good condotion.

The following amount has been expended :

Paid L. E. Wilkins, repairing and painting guide boards.....	\$1 38	
The Berlin Iron Bridge Co., 15 iron guide boards.....	7 50	
freight on same.....	50	
	<hr/>	\$9 38

### ORDERS DRAWN FOR OVERSEERS OF POOR DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1893.

April, 1892.....	\$ 68 00	
May, 1892.....	354 36	
June, 1892.....	123 99	
July, 1892.....	40 00	
August, 1892.....	251 69	
September, 1892.....	81 10	
October, 1892.....	321 27	
November, 1892.....	110 00	
January, 1893.....	1,104 75	
	<hr/>	\$2,455 16

## TOWN HOUSE.

## EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING, AND CARE OF SAME.

Paid J. H. Wilson, services as janitor from Feb. 1, 1892, to Feb. 1, 1893.....	\$100 00	
S. B. Wright, for 4½ cords wood.....	22 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for oil, chloride of lime, wax, zinc, etc., as per bill....	20 55	
W. W. Johnson, 18,576 lbs. coal.....	59 95	
W. W. Johnson, for coal.....	90	
H. H. Wilder, repair of furnace.....	31 63	
T. A. Bean, repairs of library door.....	1 50	
Moss Bros., repair of stove.....	10 00	
J. A. Walkden, bill boards.....	3 75	
J. M. Fletcher, oil and matches, as per bill .....	6 65	
	<hr/>	\$257 43

## INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory received from State.....	\$175 00	
Received from rent of building.....	85 00	
	<hr/>	\$260 00

## INSURANCE.

Paid Arthur Fenner, insuring town house for \$6,000 .....	\$37 00	
	<hr/>	\$37 00

## PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

Paid by orders.....	\$49 60	
	<hr/>	\$49 60
See Commissioners' Report.		

EXPENSE OF TOWN LIBRARY, INCLUDING SERVICES  
OF LIBRARIAN.

Paid Carrie E. Read, services as librarian from Feb. 1, 1892, to Feb. 1, 1893..	\$75 00	
Carrie E. Read, for extra work.....	8 90	
	<hr/>	\$83 90

## MILITARY AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

*As Authorized by Chap. 279, Acts of 1889.*

Paid, January .....	\$22 00	
February .....	16 00	
March .....	16 00	
April .....	16 00	
May .....	16 00	
June .....	16 00	
July .....	16 00	
August .....	16 00	
September .....	16 00	
October .....	16 00	
November .....	16 00	
December .....	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$198 00

## STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES.

*As Authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1889.*

Paid, January .....	\$ 93 00	
February .....	100 00	
March .....	106 00	
April .....	98 50	
May .....	89 50	
June .....	93 50	
July .....	93 50	
August .....	93 50	
September .....	93 50	
October .....	93 50	
November .....	95 00	
December .....	95 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,144 50

EXPENSES OF PAINTING, DECORATING, FURNISHING  
TOWN HALL, AND REPAIRING STAGE IN HALL.

At the annual meeting \$1,200 was appropriated for the Town Hall, and at the April meeting \$150 for repair of stage, making a total of \$1,350.

The following expense has occurred:

Paid 1 dozen rubber spittoons .....	\$15 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for table cloth, crockery, hardware, etc., as per bill .....	18 62	
French & Puffer, crockery, as per bill ..	69 16	
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Amount carried forward .....	\$102 78	

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$102 78
Paid 1 table.....	1 06
M. A. Feeley, for painting and decorating hall and rooms, as per contract,	900 00
M. A. Feeley, for extra work furnishing mouldings, and extra work on stage,	34 55
J. H. Wilson, 15 days' labor.....	22 50
Carrie E. Wilson, cleaning rooms.....	5 10
R. Hollings & Co., one 24-light chandelier.....	90 00
R. Hollings & Co., 6 B. & H. hanging lamps.....	19 50
W. C. Edwards, labor and stock furnished in repairing stage, as per bill,	146 22
H. Chamberlain, teaming sawdust.....	2 40
M. A. Wilkins, teaming sawdust.....	1 20
	<hr/> \$1,325 25

### FIRE APPARATUS.

By vote of the town the Board of Selectmen were authorized to build three buildings for storage of suitable apparatus to be used in case of fire; \$400 was raised and appropriated for that purpose. Houses were erected in the center of the town, Forge Village and Graniteville, and Firewards were appointed to take charge of this property, to act in their official capacity in case of fire. Printed notices were placed upon the buildings, giving location of keys to unlock the doors.

The following expenditures have been made:

Paid for 3 dozen galvanized pails.....	\$13 50
For 6 axes.....	4 50
For 6 ladder hooks.....	3 00
L. E. Wilkins, for lettering pails and axes.....	1 50
For 1 dozen Johnson force pumps.....	51 00
W. D. Graves, for ladders.....	20 94
J. H. Brown, for lettering ladders.....	4 00
W. C. Edwards, for building three ladder houses.....	255 00
For 3 Fireward badges.....	3 00
	<hr/> \$356 44



## REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

In accordance with Chap. 98, Acts of 1889, the Selectmen appointed Henry Chamberlain, Superintendent of Streets. Under his supervision the following amounts have been paid. Appropriation \$3,000.

## March:

Henry Chamberlain, Supt.....	\$ 1 85	
1,667 lbs. hay.....	15 00	
Heywood & Burbeck, grain.....	11 70	
	<hr/>	\$28 55

## April:

Drain pipe.....	\$88 13	
O. S. Caldwell, labor.....	4 50	
M. J. Wood, labor.....	12 75	
G. P. Wright, labor.....	3 50	
Martin A. Wilkins, labor.....	36 00	
B. F. Day, team.....	77 50	
Chas. Couture, labor.....	20 00	
Niclas Vicarest, labor.....	31 50	
A. Bellemere, labor.....	31 50	
Robert Spinner, labor.....	34 50	
J. W. Day & Son, team.....	7 70	
E. H. Holt, labor.....	36 00	
Chas. H. Wright, lumber.....	3 75	
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	31 50	
George H. Parker, labor.....	11 25	
Heywood & Burbeck, grain.....	19 30	
Henry Chamberlain, Supt.....	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$509 38

## May:

L. O. Butterfield, labor.....	\$12 00	
James D. Wilson, labor and gravel...	3 95	
B. F. Day, team.....	86 00	
Robert Spinner, labor.....	30 75	
A. Healey, labor.....	16 50	
M. A. Wilkins, labor.....	33 00	
Niclas Vicarest, labor.....	30 75	
William Cota, labor.....	15 75	
J. A. Downs, labor.....	27 38	
A. Bellemere, labor.....	25 50	
S. M. Hutchins, labor.....	2 00	
E. H. Holt, labor.....	14 25	
L. W. Blodgett, labor.....	2 50	
Powder, nails etc.....	4 15	
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	31 50	
Joseph D. Wilkerson, labor.....	2 25	

<i>Amounts carried forward .....</i>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$338 23	\$537 93

<i>Amounts brought forward</i> .....	\$338 23	\$537 93
T. C. Reed, labor.....	2 25	
Heywood & Burbeck, grain.....	15 40	
Henry Chamberlain, Supt.....	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$415 88
June :		
William Cota, labor.....	\$ 12 30	
Robert O'Dell, labor.....	5 25	
Robert Spinner, labor.....	10 80	
M. Hennessey, labor.....	2 03	
Edwin Gould, labor.....	7 70	
J. A. Downs, labor.....	18 30	
A. Healey, labor.....	30 30	
Niclas Vicarest, labor.....	38 25	
George E. Walker, labor.....	33 75	
Joseph H. Wilson, labor.....	24 00	
William Harrington, labor.....	22 50	
Gilmer Stone, labor.....	10 40	
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	36 75	
C. H. Wright, labor and team.....	111 00	
J. M. Fletcher, weighing hay.....	40	
B. F. Day, team.....	92 00	
Heywood & Burbeck, grain.....	13 80	
Henry Chamberlain, Supt.....	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$529 53
July :		
H. E. Fletcher, dualine, etc.....	4 72	
R. D. Nesmith, hay.....	33 63	
G. E. Walker, labor.....	75	
Transient, labor.....	1 50	
B. F. Day, team.....	92 00	
J. H. Wilson, labor.....	34 50	
Niclas Vicarest, labor.....	36 75	
William Harrington, labor.....	36 75	
Geo. Adams, labor.....	18 00	
John Savene, labor.....	19 50	
A. G. Polley, labor.....	1 80	
M. K. Fletcher, gravel.....	14 50	
John Sears, labor.....	10 50	
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	75	
Hugh Dailey, gravel.....	6 25	
Heywood & Burbeck, grain.....	27 75	
Henry Chamberlain, Supt.....	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$399 65
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....		\$1,882 99

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$1,882 99
<b>August:</b>		
William Read, stone.....	\$ 6 00	
B. F. Day, team.....	84 00	
J. D. Wilkerson, labor.....	90	
J. A. Downs, labor.....	31 50	
J. H. Wilson, labor.....	31 50	
Niclas Vicarest, labor.....	34 50	
John Savene, labor.....	32 25	
William Harrington, labor.....	31 50	
Calvin L. Howard, labor 1887-88- 89-90.....	3 52	
Geo. W. Heywood, grain.....	18 70	
Henry Chamberlain, Supt.....	60 00	
		<hr/> \$334 37
<b>September:</b>		
T. C. Read, labor.....	\$ 60	
John Savene, labor.....	41 25	
William Harrington, labor.....	39 75	
Niclas Vicarest, labor.....	38 25	
J. A. Downs, labor.....	37 50	
J. H. Wilson, labor.....	37 50	
B. F. Day, team.....	100 00	
Geo. W. Heywood, grain.....	19 50	
Henry Chamberlain, Supt.....	60 00	
		<hr/> \$374 35
<b>October:</b>		
Gilmer Stone, labor.....	\$ 2 00	
J. H. Wilson, labor.....	3 00	
John Savene, labor.....	3 00	
Niclas Vicarest, labor.....	3 00	
William Harrington, labor.....	33 75	
J. A. Healey, labor and team.....	22 00	
Andrew Johnson, gravel.....	30	
B. F. Day, team.....	12 00	
Geo. W. Heywood, grain.....	21 23	
Henry Chamberlain, Supt.....	60 00	
J. T. Colburn, hay.....	22 80	
		<hr/> \$183 08
<b>November:</b>		
Daniel Casey, dualine.....	\$ 1 95	
William Harrington, labor.....	7 50	
Frederic Seifer, labor.....	5 40	
J. A. Downs, labor.....	4 50	
Frank Shaw, labor.....	14 40	
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<i>Amounts carried forward</i> .....	\$33 75	\$2,774 79

<i>Amounts brought forward.</i> . . . .	\$33 75	\$2,774 79
B. F. Day, team . . . . .	20 00	
Lewis Palmer, gravel . . . . .	21 60	
Drain pipe . . . . .	16 61	
Geo. W. Heywood, grain . . . . .	19 60	
Henry Chamberlain, Supt . . . . .	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$171 56
December :		
Alvan Fisher, gravel . . . . .	\$ 80	
J. T. Colburn, hay . . . . .	16 35	
G. W. Heywood, grain . . . . .	6 00	
Gilmer Stone, bedding . . . . .	1 00	
C. H. Wright, rails . . . . .	2 00	
James O'Brien, labor . . . . .	75	
John Wayne, labor . . . . .	9 00	
Henry Chamberlain, Supt. . . . .	3 40	
	<hr/>	\$39 30
January :		
William Read, labor . . . . .	\$1 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, labor . . . . .	1 00	
Geo. W. Heywood, grain . . . . .	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$8 00
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		\$2,993 65

Schedule of property belonging to the Town for use of road department :

2 horses, 1 set heavy harnesses, 2 carts, 4 whiffletrees, 1 evener and spreader, 2 picks, 3 iron bars, 4 chains, 1 stone puller and stone tools, 2 horse blankets, 1 bush scythe and snath, 2 feed bags, 1 zinc water pail; 1 large hoe, 1 road plow, 1 stone drag, 1 tool box, 7 rakes, 1 screen, 1 tree-trimmer, 1 card and brush, 2 neck yokes, 1 horse pail, 1 axe, 2 lanterns, 1 wagon jack, 4 shovels, 1 kerosene can, 1 powder can.

#### BREAKING ROADS.

Paid S. E. Hutchins, March, 1891 . . . . .	\$ 3 00	
J. H. Brown, March, 1892 . . . . .	45	
W. W. Johnson, March, 1892 . . . . .	10 00	
James D. Wilson, March, 1892 . . . . .	4 20	
E. H. Holt, March, 1892 . . . . .	60	
Henry Chamberlain, March, 1892 . . . . .	2 40	
William M. Vose, March, 1892 . . . . .	1 85	
E. A. Stevens, March, 1892 . . . . .	2 00	
Thomas Bickford, March, 1892 . . . . .	53	
Edwin Gould, March, 1892 . . . . .	4 13	
M. F. Downs, March, 1892 . . . . .	11 50	
William Reed, March, 1892 . . . . .	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$42 66

## TAXES ORDERED AS ERRORS.

1891. John W. Day.....	\$ 3 10	
1892. True A. Bean.....	2 00	
Ai Bicknell.....	25	
Thomas Carroll.....	06	
William McKay.....	2 00	
Gardner A. Perham.....	2 00	
George W. Polley.....	2 00	
Joseph Richards.....	2 00	
William Walker.....	2 00	
Roy B. Wheeler.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$17 41

## EXPENSE OF SUIT OF DANIEL AND MARTHA CARVILLE AGAINST TOWN OF WESTFORD.

Paid C. H. Hanson & Co., for team.....	\$ 3 00	
G. F. Stiles, summoning witnesses.....	8 55	
A. S. Baker, summoning witness.....	5 20	
Witness fees and expenses.....	120 84	
Isaac I. Doane, taking testimony.....	8 00	
Melvin B. Smith, surveying road, making plan, and court expenses.....	30 00	
Jesse A. Viles, court expenses.....	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$188 59

Number of orders drawn on Town Treasurer, 326; Total amount of orders, \$12,814.42.

## ESTIMATES FOR YEAR 1893-94.

General Expenses.....	\$2000 00	
Highways.....	3000 00	
Support of Schools.....	4500 00	
Repairs of School Houses.....	500 00	
Support of Poor.....	2200 00	
Library.....	150 00	
Public Burial Grounds.....	200 00	
Text Books for Schools.....	250 00	
Repair of buildings at Town Farm.....	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$13 300 00

J. HENRY READ,  
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*



## BOARD OF HEALTH.

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The town has been exceptionally free from any contagious or dangerous diseases. The Physicians have reported three cases of measles, two of scarlet fever, and one of diphtheria, all of a mild character, but none the less dangerous. Perhaps these mild cases are more dangerous than the severe ones, since people are more apt to be careless and overlook the possibility of infection. In each case reported a rigorous quarantine was kept up, which accounts, to a certain degree, for the small number of cases. In view of the appearance of epidemic cholera, we have received suggestions from the State Board of Health in relation thereto. As the State and National Government are taking precautions to prevent this scourge gaining a foothold in this country the coming year, it is important that cities and towns take cautionary measures. We quote partially from circular from State Board of Health, as recommended to private individuals and especially to householders.

1. DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY. The supply of water for household purposes should be pure, and especially free from contamination by house drainage. The water supply is the usual source of infection of cholera. The cholera poison gaining access to wells, brooks, ponds, and other sources of water supply, through surface drainage and percolation through soil, or from actual carelessness in persons using infected water for washing purposes and throwing the suds on to the surface, to drain into wells. Wells located in close proximity to privies and cesspools are always open to suspicion of contamination. If there is any question as to quality of the drinking water, it should be boiled and used within a half hour after boiling, or kept in close vessels for use. But it is much better and really the only safe way to use rain water stored in clean cisterns properly filtered.

2. Good wholesome food should be eaten, such as people have found it best for them to eat at other times. Fruit should be ripe and sound and vegetables should be fresh and properly cooked. Excesses in eating and drinking and indigestible food should be avoided. Care should be taken to secure milk supply which is above suspicion. In case of an epidemic, all milk should be boiled, more especially since cases are on record of spreading of cholera through milk coming from farms where milk cans have been washed with water taken from wells contaminated by refuse discharges from cholera patients.

3. Every householder should carefully attend to the condition of the water closets, privies, cesspools, drains, cellars, stables, yards, outbuildings, and sheds upon his premises, and cause them to be kept in a cleanly condition.

The following disinfectants are recommended, milk of lime, chloride of lime, solution of potash soap, a saturated solution of carbolic acid. Household-ers should not throw their waste water and slops on the ground near their houses, as the hot sun in the summer makes the ground a breeding place for infectious diseases.

The great source of danger of spreading infectious diseases, like measles, scarlet fever, and diphtheria is the indifference of the members of an afflicted family in mingling with the community. They seem to go on the principle that misery likes company, and because we have the plague our neighbors ought to have it. This is not right.

Physicians are very careful to direct that patients and members of the family keep by themselves until all danger is past, and their instructions should be followed, otherwise measures will be taken by the authorities to enforce proper regulations under the law of the state. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and a little care on the part of every one will keep our town in a healthy condition.

J. HENRY READ,  
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,

*Board of Health.*

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit their annual report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1893.

### AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING FARMING TOOLS, BY APPRAISAL BY THE COMMITTEE.

Feb. 1, 1892.....	\$2,499 30	
Feb. 1, 1893.....	3,060 25	
Gain on personal property.....		\$560 95

### RECEIPTS.

Received for milk.....	\$700 81
cows.....	81 50
bull, etc.....	28 50
beef.....	8 99
hide and tallow.....	2 68
calves ....	28 00
meadow hay.....	12 50
cart... ..	55 00
pole.....	2 00
hens.....	2 00
horse collar.....	3 50
labor.....	3 25
pork.....	35 43
peas.....	12 15
potatoes.....	7 80
onions.....	12 95
beets.....	85
parsnips.....	1 75
turnips.....	25
squash.....	1 32
tomatoes.....	7 99

*Amount carried forward.....* \$1,009 22

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$1,009 22	
Received for beans.....	6 00	
strawberries.....	3 20	
corn.....	1 07	
cranberries.....	13 83	
eggs.....	32 39	
use of tools.....	1 55	
apples.....	119 44	
milk route.....	50 00	
sundries.....	1 35	
carrots.....	50	
board of J. Green.....	108 00	
indigent soldiers.....	192 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,538 55

## PAYMENTS.

Paid H. B. Ruiter's salary.....	\$450 00	
for cows.....	235 00	
grain.....	437 33	
groceries.....	285 00	
meat.....	92 30	
fish.....	18 12	
crackers.....	12 83	
tea and coffee.....	4 90	
labor.....	481 00	
hardware.....	16 20	
seed.....	8 66	
soap.....	5 00	
mending harnesses.....	1 90	
blacksmith work.....	22 62	
wheelwright.....	4 50	
plated ware.....	8 50	
tin ware.....	2 95	
crockery.....	3 00	
two bulls.....	35 00	
three pigs.....	10 50	
hens.....	6 00	
oil cloth carpet.....	8 88	
goods bought at auction.....	3 75	
grass.....	13 50	
lumber.....	23 80	
clothing for T. Carney.....	3 50	
Lowell Journal.....	1 50	
window and sashes.....	2 30	
phosphate.....	19 00	
coal.....	27 72	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$2,245 26	

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$2,245 26	
Paid for wall paper and curtains.....	8 85	
medicine.....	7 45	
ice.....	7 08	
barrels.....	10 50	
T. Carney.....	2 00	
express.....	50	
freight.....	2 30	
lead pipe.....	57 31	
cutting corn.....	10 00	
H. B. Ruiter, balance on book.....	42 96	
barbed wire.....	7 76	
paint and oil.....	8 12	
agate ware.....	3 30	
sheeting and crash.....	7 67	
milk tube.....	75	
ladder.....	3 30	
bedspring.....	2 50	
blankets.....	5 00	
tobacco.....	4 30	
butchering.....	3 50	
woodsaws and horses.....	2 70	
carfare for tramp.....	28	
lime.....	1 00	
shingles.....	1 00	
tank.....	5 50	
hen feed.....	5 25	
zinc.....	1 20	
clothes wringer.....	3 50	
hayng tools.....	1 55	
horse blankets.....	4 75	
surcingle.....	1 00	
glass and putty.....	3 48	
turkeys.....	6 70	
pump.....	8 12	
stove pipe.....	1 50	
carfare.....	1 68	
sundries.....	9 81	
	<hr/>	\$2,499 43
Deduct, income from farm.....	\$1,538 55	
gain on personal property.....	560 95	
expense of keeping tramps.....	87 75	
cash in S. H. Balch's hands.....	42 56	
	<hr/>	2,229 81
Cost of supporting the poor inside the Alms- house.....		<hr/> \$269 62



# COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid J. F. Smith, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. W. Taylor and child.	\$24 00	
Mrs. M. S. Esty .....	30 00	
Mrs Sixey Seams .....	44 00	
Sarah J. Ingalls .....	125 00	
Mary Green .....	1 50	
Octavo Voran .....	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 248 50
Paid W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. R. Dugdale .....	\$21 25	
C. J. Searles .....	12 50	
Sarah and Alvin Nutting .....	31 25	
W. Pipers' child .....	8 75	
Mrs J. Wilkerson and family .....	30 50	
Gardner Perham .....	1 00	
Mrs. C. Vinal .....	37 00	
P. O'Toole .....	18 75	
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Paid Hospital bills for A. H. Woodward, John W. Raymond, Rufus Keyes, Elizabeth Lord, Lettice J. Reed, Mary A. Quinn, and Everett Wayne,		1,060 69
Wright & Fletcher, for groceries for Mrs. J. Wilkinson .....		77 31
dry goods for Mrs. J. Wilkinson...	4 68	
childrens' clothing .....	6 00	
milk .....	7 00	
wood .....	15 62	
Wright & Bemis, for groceries....	3 00	
	<hr/>	36 30
Paid Town of Groton on account of E. Holt and wife .....		52 00
City of Lowell for Mrs. Larkin and daughter .....	\$25 53	
for Margaret Whitcomb .....	1 50	
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taking F. Goss to State Almshouse, Shaw & Son, for groceries furnished A. L. Patch .....		1 50
A. P. Richardson, on account of Mary Green .....		13 74
G. Drew, for taking, Mary Green to Almshouse .....		4 50
		2 00
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<i>Amount carried forward .....</i>		\$1,684 57

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$1,684 57
Paid S. M. Hutchins, for digging grave for Mrs. Robbins.....	2 50
groceries and care of Mrs. Casey...	2 51
board of Mrs. Vinal....	44 14
necessaries furnished Mrs. A. Per- ham.....	3 67
stationery.....	87
wood and groceries, furnished Isaac Gould.....	7 81

## FOR SERVICES AS OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Hammett Wright.....	\$10 00	
A. G. Polley.....	10 00	
W. F. Batch.....	10 00	
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		\$30 00
Paid W. F. Balch, for making out report to State Board Lunacy and Charity...	5 00	
for making out report to Town.....	5 00	
extra time as Overseer.....	15 00	
necessaries furnished P. O'Toole...	56 48	
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Received from Sate Treasurer, on account A. Taylor.....	\$ 16 00	\$1857 55
from Lowell, on account Mary Green,	9 00	
from Lowell, on account Dugdale..	21 25	
from Ayer, on account A. Nutting..	31 25	
from Tyngsboro', on account Ingalls,	93 50	
Due from State Treasury, on account Seams,	44 00	
Received from Tyngsboro', on account Ingalls,	31 50	
from Orleans, on account Gould....	7 81	
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		\$254 31
Expense of the poor outside Almshouse....		<hr/>
		\$1602 72

## STATEMENT.

Cash drawn from Town Treasurer.....	\$2,455 16	
in Master of Almshouse's hands at last settlement.....	381 95	
hands of Overseers of the Poor, at last settlement.....	24 85	
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		\$2,861 96
in hands of Overseers of the Poor.....	\$ 97	
in hands of Master of Almshouse.....	42 56	
Gain on personal property.....	560 95	
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		\$604 48
Cost of supporting the poor, exclusive of interest on the farm.....		<hr/>
		\$2,257 48

## VERIFICATION.

Cash received from Town Treasurer, and other sources.....		\$2,861 96
Paid for outside Poor.....	\$1,857 55	
Payments at Farm.....	2,499 43	
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	\$4,356 98	
Receipts.....	1,538 55	
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		2,818 43
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		\$43 53
Cash in S. H. Balch's hands.....	\$ 42 56	
in Overseers hands.....	97	
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	\$43 53	
Number supported in the Almshouse .....		4
receiving two meals and lodging.....		351
assistance outside of Almshouse.....		31

WAYLAND F. BALCH,  
HAMMETT D. WRIGHT,  
ALVIN G. POLLEY,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

# APPRAISAL OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY

AT THE ALMSHOUSE IN WESTFORD, MASS., JAN. 28, 1893.

12 cows.....	\$ 520 00	7 scythes and snaths.....	5 00
2 horses.....	250 00	2 bush hooks.....	1 00
1 bull.....	25 00	9 hay forks.....	3 60
1 calf.....	1 00	10 hay rakes.....	1 50
9 tons English hay.....	180 00	5 garden rakes.....	1 50
5½ tons stock hay.....	75 00	1 grub hoe.....	75
Oat fodder.....	36 00	3 picks and handles.....	3 00
47 fowls.....	33 00	1 stable hoe.....	50
2 horse blankets and sur- cingles.....	6 00	2 bush axes.....	1 00
4 halters.....	2 00	1 ditching knife.....	1 00
Currycombs and brushes,	2 50	8 manure forks.....	2 50
12 brass balls.....	60	4 corn cutters.....	50
Harness and axle oil....	50	2 hog hooks.....	25
Wrenches and hammer...	2 00	Whiffletrees, neck yokes, and eveners.....	10 00
1 qt. machine oil.....	25	1 ox yoke.....	50
2 horse muzzles.....	1 00	10 lbs. wire.....	75
Grain in barn.....	18 80	1 draft chain.....	75
2 bags and sacks.....	1 00	2 tie chains and pieces of chains.....	65
1 zinc pail.....	50	Lot old iron.....	50
Measures.....	1 50	2 flails.....	50
Bbl. salt.....	90	1 stone drag.....	5 00
Harnesses.....	60 00	1 mowing machine.....	20 00
1 wolf robe.....	2 00	1 waggon jack.....	1 00
4 feed boxes.....	1 00	1 express waggon.....	20 00
2 watering troughs.....	22 00	1 milk waggon.....	15 00
4 tubs.....	2 00	1 hay waggon.....	35 00
3 shoats.....	20 00	1 farm waggon.....	25 00
1 milking tube.....	75	1 pung.....	5 00
2 iron bars.....	1 50	1 sleigh.....	10 00
25 tons ensilage.....	150 00	1 roller.....	6 00
1 corn planter.....	8 00	1 horse rake.....	15 00
5 hoes.....	1 00	1 wheelbarrow.....	1 50
5 potato diggers.....	1 25	1 wheel harrow.....	25 00
1 apple picker.....	25	1 harrow.....	5 00
4 sweat collars.....	1 00	2 dump carts.....	85 00
2 drag rakes.....	1 00	1 ensilage cutter.....	35 00
1 fanning mill.....	3 00	1 hay cutter.....	1 00
1 corn sheller.....	2 00	7 ladders.....	15 00
Silo pully and rope.....	50	2 storm windows.....	3 00
1½ bushels seed corn....	1 00	Copper faucet and solder,	1 50
1 string bells.....	1 50	Ice.....	10 00
1 cow bell.....	50	1 one-horse sled.....	5 00
2 cultivators.....	6 00	1 two-horse sled.....	40 00
4 plows.....	25 00	3 bbl. small potatoes.....	4 50
12 feet lead pipe.....	1 44	300 feet oak lumber.....	6 00
14 shovels and grub hoes,	8 00		

1,000 feet pine lumber.....	10 50	1 sack oyster shells.....	60
1 grindstone.....	3 00	Sage.....	1 00
4 saw horses.....	1 50	1 bbl. broken crackers...	1 25
25 cords wood.....	125 00	6 bbl. covers.....	1 50
1 step ladder.....	1 25	6 lbs. sausage.....	90
7 candlesticks.....	75	40 lbs. lard.....	5 60
2 bee hives.....	2 00	175 lbs. beef and pork....	14 00
1 bedstead.....	50	60 bars soap.....	3 00
4 watering pots.....	2 00	1 meat saw.....	1 50
Table linen.....	7 00	4 traps.....	1 00
175 bushels potatoes.....	175 00	$\frac{3}{4}$ bbl. crackers.....	1 50
Turnips, beets, cabbages, and parsnips.....	12 00	1 churn.....	1 50
Squashes and pumpkins..	2 00	Pop corn.....	2 00
24 cider barrels.....	12 00	$1\frac{1}{2}$ bushels seed beans...	3 00
70 gallons cider.....	10 50	$1\frac{1}{2}$ bushels white beans..	3 00
80 gallons old cider.....	8 00	$2\frac{1}{2}$ bushels colored beans,	4 50
2 gallons boiled cider...	1 50	5 rocking chairs.....	75
$1\frac{1}{2}$ bushels cranberries..	3 00	1 cheese press.....	25
$6\frac{1}{2}$ bushels onions.....	6 50	3 cranberry rakes.....	5 00
9 bbls. apples.....	15 00	5 chest drawers.....	5 00
67 jars preserves.....	25 00	Ice tongs and hook.....	2 00
3 gallons pickles.....	1 20	1 meat cutter.....	2 50
14 bottles catsup.....	2 00	4 apple parers.....	75
33 lbs. butter.....	10 00	Set wooden bowls.....	75
Soft soap.....	2 50	2 clothes wringers.....	4 50
75 lbs. salt beef.....	4 50	1 washing machine.....	1 00
350 lbs. salt pork.....	49 00	Clothes lines.....	50
125 lbs. ham.....	18 75	Clothes pins.....	15
5 wash tubs.....	3 00	Clothes drier.....	25
5 pails.....	1 00	2 washboards.....	1 00
7 padlocks.....	5 00	2 wash boilers.....	4 50
Old iron.....	1 00	5 gallons kerosene.....	45
Nails and spikes.....	20	Range furniture.....	10 00
10 lbs. white lead.....	65	1 Range.....	5 00
Jug and oil.....	40	5 stoves.....	26 00
10 lights glass.....	50	2 agate.....	2 40
Screws and nails.....	75	2 clothes baskets.....	1 00
2 whitewash brushes....	1 50	3 lanterns.....	1 50
Mason tools.....	1 75	5 flatirons.....	1 50
Carpenter tools.....	8 00	2 water pails.....	75
2 tool chests.....	75	Candle moulds.....	1 00
5 axes.....	3 50	10 lamps.....	3 00
1 copper pump.....	1 00	1 force pump.....	2 00
1 barrel header.....	1 50	1 fly trap.....	15
3 snow shovels.....	1 00	2 clocks.....	5 00
4 wood saws.....	3 50	2 doz. eggs.....	70
1 crosscut saw.....	2 00	2 jars pie meat.....	5 00
1 steel trap.....	25	Can goods and extracts..	5 00
2 tons coal.....	14 00	5 lbs. cheese.....	75
3 peck baskets.....	75	18 tumblers jelly.....	3 50
7 bushel baskets.....	2 00	2 cans salmon.....	36
Elevator rope.....	30	4 cans corn.....	40
1 slop pail.....	50	$\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. sugar.....	7 50
1 coal sieve.....	50	1 lb. coffee.....	35
3 oil cans.....	2 00	2 lbs. tea.....	1 00
2 coal hods.....	50	Box spices.....	2 00
Meat scraps.....	1 90	1 bbl. flour.....	5 00
Pie and meat fork.....	25	2 doz. candles.....	50
		1 doz. Mason jars.....	1 00



1 slop pail.....	50	2 lounges.....	5 00
2 mops.....	50	1 cradle.....	1 00
4 brooms.....	1 25	Window and door screens,	13 00
Knives, forks, and spoons,	5 00	6 looking-glasses.....	1 50
3 bottles colic medicine..	2 00	Shovel and tongs.....	1 00
2 lbs. tobacco.....	80	2 castors.....	50
30 plated spoons.....	8 50	2 sieves.....	75
1 oil cloth carpet.....	9 00	1 dinner bell.....	50
1 carpet.....	10 00	1 pair steelyards.....	1 75
10 beds and bedding.....	250 00	2 porcelain kettles.....	1 00
6 tables.....	5 00	1 copper kettle.....	1 75
1 extension table.....	6 00	2 chopping knives and	
3 light stands.....	1 00	trays.....	75
30 curtains and fixtures..	12 00	Stone ware.....	2 00
1 chamber set.....	10 00	Tin ware.....	15 00
2 sick chairs.....	1 50	Crockery ware.....	16 00
1 cabinet chair.....	1 00	1 injection pipe.....	1 00
30 chairs.....	15 00		
1 sick chair.....	10 00		
1 bed pan.....	75		
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			\$3,060 25

ISAAC E. DAY,  
W. H. H. BURBECK,  
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,  
*Appraisers of Property.*

## REPORT ON CEMETERIES.

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The Commissioners of Public Cemeteries respectfully report that they inspected the burial grounds of the town last spring, and found repairs and improvements of various kinds to be greatly needed. The fences were in poor condition, particularly in the West burial ground ; many of the older headstones were leaning over the graves, and some of them had fallen ; wild bushes were growing in many places ; the avenues in the cemeteries were not clearly marked out or graded ; and there were but few shade trees or ornamental shrubs to be found.

The financial statement appended to this report will indicate the beginnings that have been made in improving the condition of the cemeteries. The fences have been repaired and the bushes cut. The headstones in Col. John Robinson's lot, in the West burial ground, have been reset, and the lot graded and enclosed by an iron fence given for this purpose by Mr. A. P. Richardson. Granite supports have been ordered for the horizontal slab over the grave of Rev. Willard Hall, in the East burial ground, and will be put in position in the spring.

The financial statement will show, however, that little has been accomplished as yet, and that most of the money appropriated for improvements remains unexpended.

The reason for the failure to expend the money voted by the town, and for the delay in doing the work, is as follows :—Early in the spring difficulty was found in obtaining competent and trustworthy men for the service required. It was expected that such men could be employed later in the season ; but during the summer and fall it proved to be even more difficult to secure the services of such men as the work called for. None were willing to leave the steady employment in which they were engaged, for a few days' work in the cemeteries.

It is the intention of the Commissioners to prevent a recurrence of this difficulty and delay, the ensuing year, by employing a competent superintendent of the cemeteries of the town, who will for several months devote all of his time to the work needed in them, and take charge of the men and teams hired to assist him. It is believed that this is the best and most economical way of making the needed improvements and repairs.

In order to meet the expenses which will necessarily be incurred in this long delayed work, your Commissioners respectfully recommend that the town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars, in addition to the unexpended balance of the appropriation made last year.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
ALLAN CAMERON,  
WM. E. FROST,

*Commissioners of Public Cemeteries.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### APPROPRIATIONS.

For deceased soldiers' headstones.....	\$ 50 00
For improvement of burial grounds.....	150 00
Total.....	<u>\$200 00</u>

### EXPENSES.

Paid H. Dane for painting fence of Col. John Robinson's lot.....	\$ 7 20
Wright & Fletcher, for brimstone.....	50
Joseph Gould, for socket for headstone, setting the same, and setting fence of Col. Robinson's lot.....	4 75
L. J. Brow, for mowing grass and brush,	9 50
J. H. Sears, for mowing.....	6 00
J. W. Moore, for labor on fences.....	7 00
S. M. Hutchins.....	65
J. T. Colburn, for labor.....	14 00
Total.....	<u>49 60</u>
Balance unexpended.....	<u>\$150 40</u>

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

GRANITEVILLE, MASS., MARCH 1, 1893.

GENTLEMEN—In conformity with the requirements of my duty as Auditor, I have made a thorough and systematic examination of the accounts of Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Master of the Almshouse, and Town Treasurer, and beg herewith to submit the following report :

### TAXES.

The amount of taxes assessed on the polls and on the Real and Personal Estate, within the Town of Westford for the year 1892, which I found on a close inspection of Tax Collector's book, and as submitted to you in my report of Nov. 23, 1892, was .....	\$12,666 41
Number of Polls added since my report, 3 at \$2.00 each.....	6 00

Total tax levy for 1892.....	\$12,672 41
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### UNCOLLECTED TAXES MARCH 1, 1893.

Uncollected Taxes, 1890, Alec Fisher, Collector.....	\$272 42
Uncollected Taxes, 1891, Alec Fisher, Collector.....	580 53
Total.....	\$ 852 95
Uncollected Taxes, 1892, Isaac E. Day, Collector .....	1,334 49
Making a total of.....	\$2,187 44

On examination of Town Clerk's account, I find the number of dogs licensed for the year ending Nov. 30, 1892, was 156.

Total amount of license fees was .....	\$324 00
Total amount Clerk's fees was.....	31 20
Balance paid to the County Treasurer as per his vouchers in hands of Town Clerk, was	\$292 80

I found proper vouchers for all orders drawn by the Selectmen on Town Treasurer.

I made no audit of accounts of H. B. Ruiter, Master of the Almshouse, for March 1892, as a settlement was made with him about April 1, 1892.

Examination of the accounts of Master of the Almshouse from April 1, 1892, shows the total receipts from all sources from April 1, 1892, to March 1, 1893, to be .....	\$1,478 74
Total expenditures.....	<u>1,436 18</u>
Balance, cash on hand March 1, 1893, was...	\$42 56
Inspection of the accounts of Overseers of the Poor, shows a cash balance, March 1, 1892, of .....	\$ 6 85
Receipts from all sources for the year ending March 1, 1893, was.....	<u>2,769 56</u>
Making a total of.....	\$2,776 41
Total expenditures were.....	<u>2,775 44</u>
Balance, cash on hand.....	\$ 97

The accounts of Overseers of the Poor and Master of the Almshouse were properly vouched.

On examination of the accounts of Town Treasurer I find :

The whole amount of receipts during the year ending March 1, 1893, was.....	\$28,541 72
The whole amount of expenditures during the year ending March 1, 1893, was.....	<u>25,553 70</u>
Excess of receipts over expenditures.....	\$2,988 02
The balance in the Treasury, March 1, 1892, was. ....	\$ 2,833 80
The amount received into the Treasury, during the year ending March 1, 1893, was.....	<u>28,541 72</u>
Making a total of.....	\$31,375 52
The amount paid from the Treasury during the year ending March 1, 1893, was.....	<u>25,553 70</u>
The balance in the Treasury, March 1, 1893, was .....	\$5,821 82



I most heartily congratulate the Town of Westford on having a Treasurer who is a thoroughly good accountant. All of his accounts are so accurately and systematically kept, the labor of auditing was greatly facilitated.

#### FINANCIAL.

The financial condition of the town, March 1, 1893, as taken from the Treasurer's books and other sources is as follows, viz:

#### RESOURCES.

Due for State Aid to soldiers' families.....	\$1,144 50
Due for Military Aid to indigent soldiers....	99 00
Taxes of 1890, remaining uncollected.....	272 42
Taxes of 1891, remaining uncollected.....	580 53
Taxes of 1892, remaining uncollected.....	1,334 49
Balance of cash in the Treasury.....	5,821 82
Balance of cash in hands of Overseers of the Poor, and Master of Almshouse.....	43 53
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	\$9,296 29

#### LIABILITIES.

Note First National Bank, Lowell.....	7,000 00
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Balance in favor of the Town.....	\$2,296 29

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR B. PLIMPTON, *Auditor.*

To Messrs. J. HENRY READ,  
 SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
 GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*

## LIST OF JURORS, 1893.

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The following names will be reported at the annual March meeting, to be placed in the Jury Box, subject to revision by the Town :

FRANK W. BANISTER.  
AUGUSTUS BUNCE.  
WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK.  
GEORGE W. BUSSEY.  
GEORGE F. CARKIN.  
ALBERT R. CHOATE.  
LEWIS C. DANE.  
FRANCIS L. FLETCHER.  
ELBERT H. FLAGG.  
HORACE E. GOULD.  
CHARLES M. GRIFFIN.

GEORGE H. HARTFORD.  
FRANK C. HILDRETH.  
MELBOURNE F. HUTCHINS.  
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*Selectmen of Westford.*

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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MIDDLESEX SS.

*To ISAAC E. DAY, one of the Constables of the Town of Westford, in said County,*

GREETING :

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday the Twentieth day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at eight o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at 8.15 o'clock A. M., and closed at one o'clock P. M.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles to wit :

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2d. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, for one year ; one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Trustee of the Town Library, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, all for three years ; Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two Constables, and one Auditor, all for one year ; also to vote on the following question : " Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors," all on one ballot.
- 3d. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the Trustees of the Town Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.

- 8th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor appointed to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, or act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money for Public Schools.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for the support of the Poor.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for School Text Books.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money to defray Town debts and charges, or act in relation to the same.
- 16th. By request of Overseers of Poor, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), to repair and paint buildings at Town Farm, or act in relation to the same.
- 17th. By request of School Committee, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), to repair School Houses and rebuild fences at same, as follows: Centre School, repair chimney, paint inside building and rebuild fence; Nashoba School, shingle building; Parkerville School, rebuild fence; Minot's Corner School, rebuild fence; Nabnassett School, rebuild fence and deepen well; Long-sought-for School, paint building; Lyon School, rebuild fence, or act in relation to the same.
- 18th. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time to meet the demands on the treasury, or act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.
- 20th. To see what action the town will take to dispose of old school furniture, or act in relation to the same.
- 21st. By request of Samuel L. Taylor, to see if the Town will vote to rescind so much of the vote passed March 7th, 1870, as to printing a full and complete schedule of property at the Poor Farm, as appraised hereafter by the committee appointed for that purpose, or act in relation to the same.
- 22d. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to procure a seal for the use of the Town, or act in relation to the same.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said

Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

*Given under our hands and seals, this first day of March, in the year of your Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-three.*

J. HENRY READ,  
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,

*Selectmen of Westford.*



## LIBRARY REPORT.

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The Trustees of the Westford Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 17, 1893 :

It will be seen from the table at the close of this report that an unusually large number of books have been added to the Library during the past year.

The appropriation, Library funds, and dog tax have made it possible for the Trustees, after carefully selecting the usual amount of current literature of all classes, to purchase the Century Dictionary, "a complete English dictionary" combined with "the cream of all the great modern encyclopedias"; also to replace poorly-printed, worn, and antiquated copies with modern and well-bound editions of such standard authors as Shakespeare, Dickens, Bulwer-Lytton, Victor Hugo, George Eliot, Burke, Byron, Whittier, and Longfellow.

It is the aim of the Trustees to place upon the Library shelves only such books as will be of permanent value, but the ephemeral character of much of the fiction of the day renders the task of selection for Class H somewhat difficult. A few really fine novels come out each year, while of an indifferent or even questionable class there is a vast number, from which the least objectionable must be chosen. If the modern novel prove unsatisfactory, why not follow Ralph Waldo Emerson's rules for reading: "1, Never read a book that is not a year old. 2, Never read any but famed books," and renew acquaintance with old friends, some of whom present themselves to you anew this year.

The Library has recently been the recipient of two large donations of valuable books: Forty-nine volumes, including twenty-one volumes of *Harper's Magazine*, four of *Blackwood's*, four of *Every Saturday*, two of *Household Words*, and two of Donovan's "South Wales and Monmouthshire," have come from the estate of Mrs. Catharine Abbot, to be a perpetual reminder of the debt of gratitude

due her memory for faithful service rendered to the Library in the years that are past.

The people of the Town are indebted to Mrs. Helen Howland Prescott, of New Bedford, for the "Report of the U. S. Coast Survey for 1854," Gillis' "Report of the U. S. Naval Expedition to the Southern Hemisphere in 1849-52," four volumes of Agassiz's Contributions to the "Natural History of North America," Audubon's "Quadrupeds of North America" in three quarto volumes, and a complete set of *Littell's Living Age*, comprising one hundred and ninety-five volumes. The volumes of Audubon are beautifully illustrated, long ago out of print, and of great value. The *Living Age* has always contained the choicest selections from the best English magazines and reviews, and this complete set must be regarded as a most valuable supplement to all of the best works in our Library. For half a century the contributions of the ablest writers and thinkers of England have been reprinted in the *Living Age*. Much of the best fiction of this period is to be found in its pages; and it greatly enlarges the resources of the Library by its multitude of elaborate essays in biography, history, and science, and in literary and historical criticism. The Library contains no other set of volumes which equals these in usefulness or in pecuniary value; and they will be regarded with increased interest, and more highly prized, from the fact that Mrs. Prescott has presented them in memory of her late husband, Hon. Oliver Prescott, born in Westford, and a life-long lover of his native town, but for many years an honored and influential citizen of New Bedford.

A file of Academy graduation programmes and a set of the invitations, programmes, etc., issued for the Centennial Celebration of the founding of the Academy, with a report of the addresses and proceedings, have been placed in the Library.

Acknowledgement is made to the donors of the following books: two volumes *Scribner's Monthly*, by L. W. Wheeler; Temperance Reform in Mass., 1813-83, George Faber Clarke, of W. Acton; "Feast of the Virgins," by H. L. Gordon; "Souvenir of 24th National Encampment of G. A. R. Boston, 1890"; two old caucus notices, valuable as curiosities, by S. H. Fletcher; Certificate of Stock in Agricultural Library of Westford, Mass., by Miss R. E. Luce.

The summer boarders who wished to avail themselves of the privileges of the Library were required to deposit \$2.00 each with the Librarian, as a guaranty of careful use and safe return of books,

the same to be refunded at the close of the season. The following persons, however, generously presented a part or the whole of their deposits to the Library: Mrs. C. B. Cummings, \$2.00; Mrs. Frank Jones, \$2.00; Mrs. Tappan, \$1.00.

The bound magazines, two hundred twenty-eight volumes, presented to the Library during the year, with a few volumes already on the shelves, will constitute a new class, which is to be designated by the letter P. Poole's Index is recommended as a key to this wealth of miscellaneous literature, and it is hoped that sufficient funds may be available for its purchase early the coming year.

It has been found necessary to have more than a hundred volumes rebound the past year, and many more will soon need to go to the binder. Much of this is the natural result of constant use, but it is feared that in some cases the books are not handled with a reasonable amount of care. The Trustees have been sorry—nay indignant—to see costly books returned with pages soiled, and marred by turning down corners. This is probably due to carelessness, but carelessness is malicious when it renders a valuable book, the property of the Town, unfit to be enjoyed by subsequent readers.

The time has come when a new Library building is an imperative necessity. The shelves are so nearly full that it is impossible to avoid confusion in classification. How the present room can be made to furnish accommodation for another year's books is a problem whose solution will tax the ingenuity of the Trustees. As each year improved methods of teaching require of the pupils in our schools more frequent consultation of books of reference, with which the Library is well supplied, the lack of accommodation for such work becomes more apparent. Moreover, our Library, with the added riches of years, is already too valuable to remain longer in a wooden building.

In short we should have a fire-proof structure, with ample shelving for future years; a good reading-room provided with magazines and newspapers; also provision for the reception and display of such curiosities as have been and may be presented to the Library.

It has been hoped that some generous son of Westford might find it in his heart to give such a building to the Town; but if that is not to be, Westford will doubtless, with her usual independence, soon provide for the better housing of her Library and the greater convenience of its patrons.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance from last year . . . . .	\$ 7 62
Income from State fund . . . . .	68 00
Income from Fletcher fund . . . . .	40 00
Gifts . . . . .	5 00
Fines . . . . .	10 00
Town appropriation, . . . . .	150 00
From dog-tax . . . . .	269 38
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	\$550 00

## EXPENDITURES.

For books . . . . .	\$461 53
Express and freight bills . . . . .	6 51
Printing regulations and labels . . . . .	4 75
Librarian's ledger . . . . .	1 50
Binding books . . . . .	68 83
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	\$550 00

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Number of books purchased . . . . .	382
Public documents received from the State . . . . .	13
Public documents received from the United States . . . . .	7
Volumes presented . . . . .	295
Number of Pamphlets added . . . . .	56
Whole number of books added during year . . . . .	697
Whole number of books in library . . . . .	7,507
Number of books issued . . . . .	8,787
Number of books lost . . . . .	4

We recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of books during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted :

WILLIAM E. FROST,  
KATE S. HAMLIN,  
NETTIE M. STEVENS,

*Trustees of Westford Public Library.*



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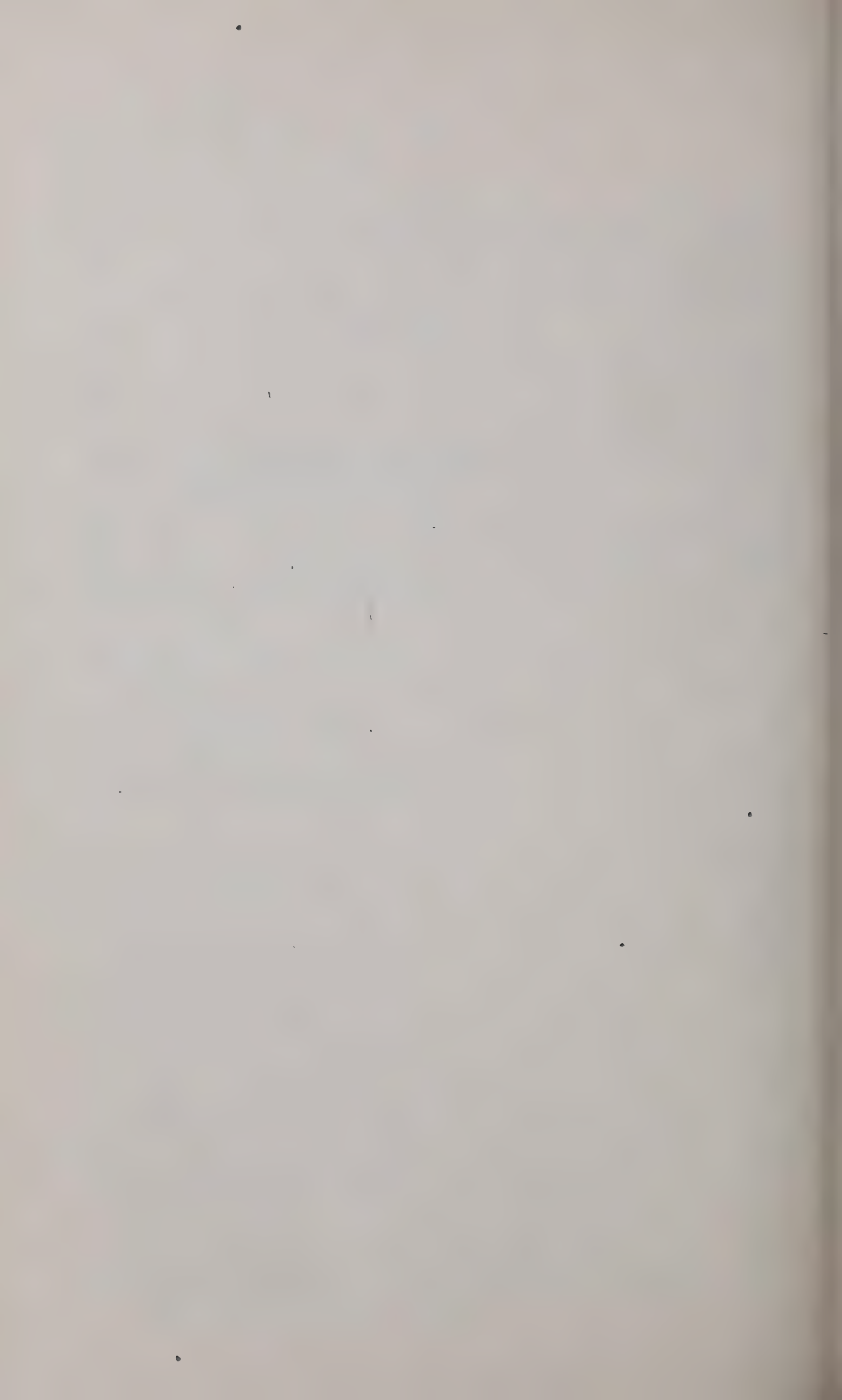
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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1893.

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1892-93.

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A. J. ABBOT, Chairman	.	.	.	Term expires 1894
A. A. BICKFORD, Secretary	.	.	.	" " 1895
ALFRED WOODBURY	.	.	.	" " 1893
A. R. CHOATE	.	.	.	" " 1895
A. G. POLLEY	.	.	.	" " 1893
GEORGE DREW	.	.	.	" " 1894

# REPORT.

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## *Follow Citizens and Friends:*

The first meeting of the School Committee for the year was held March 26th, 1892, and the Committee organized by the choice of A. J. Abbot as chairman and Rev. A. A. Bickford, secretary and superintendent of schools. The several meetings during the year have been all attended by the entire Committee and in the settlement of the important questions relating to choice of teachers, financial matters, etc., there has been perfect harmony among the members. The decisions arrived at are before you, although the reasons by which we have been governed, which are many and complex, are not always so apparent and cannot be fully detailed here. All the school work has not been of ideal excellence, but we are confident that the year as a whole has been one of much prosperity. A considerable number of changes have occurred in our corps of teachers, but they have for the most part resulted happily, and several who have begun their work in the town during the year have proved valuable acquisitions. We believe that we have at present a company of teachers who as a whole are competent, progressive, and earnest. It is exceedingly fortunate for the schools of Westford that so many of them reside in town, as it has been a controlling inducement for them to accept lower salaries than were offered elsewhere. But we cannot depend greatly in the future upon this favoring element in the problem of supplying our school rooms with good teachers. It will perhaps be effective in a few cases, but what shall be done relating to schools where there is no resident teacher of ability, and where the inducement of salary is not sufficient to hold any teacher of assured reputation? The School Committee must be frequently at their wits' end attempting to answer the question. They must resort to much experimenting, and if they are successful in finding a jewel among the many dubious unknown candidates who seek schools continually, they must anticipate soon being outbid by some town that covets our best gifts. The Committee in previous years has called attention to the fact, which has



been amply confirmed by carefully and widely gleaned information during the past year, viz: that we are paying smaller salaries to teachers than our neighboring towns. In this connection we earnestly ask our intelligent townsmen to be liberal in the voting of school funds. A comparatively small margin of difference in salary may make necessary the loss of a valuable teacher and the employment of one whose ability is an unknown quantity, and the experiment may result in the waste of all the money expended for the school where she is employed.

The unavoidable expenses for repairs have been considerable during the past year, and there have been some repairs made necessary by the carelessness, if not lawlessness, of persons unknown to us. Great care and watchfulness are enjoined upon those having the oversight of school property. The condition of the school apparatus speaks much for the people in the midst of which it exists, and there should be a local pride in having it well preserved. There are neighborhoods in town where evidently this laudable pride is exemplified.

The heating apparatus of Forge Village has been at length accepted at a lower price than was at first stipulated the conditions of the contract not having been fully met. It works well and meets all the requirements of the law with the number of pupils that now are or are likely to be in the building. Among the imperative needs observed in viewing our schoolhouses and grounds are, the whitening of the walls at Lyon schoolhouse, a new well at Nabnasset, a better ventilating apparatus at the Center, a new coat of paint for two or three schoolhouses, and a like number of new fences. The Superintendent has submitted a report of the school work as it has come under his eye, with suggestions and remarks, which is appended and recommended to the careful consideration of all persons having the good of our schools at heart. The statistical tables will exhibit in a concise form many facts of great importance. The foregoing remarks, with all the accompanying matter relating to our schools, are most respectfully submitted.

A. J. ABBOT,  
A. A. BICKFORD,  
ALFRED WOODBURY,  
A. R. CHOATE,  
A. G. POLLEY,  
GEORGE DREW,

*School Committee.*

## ACTING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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### *Fellow Citizens:*

Being permitted to speak for myself at my own request ( as I wish to assume the entire responsibility of my personal observations and opinions ), I desire to express gratitude for the confidence implied in your action leading to my election to the office of superintendent, but I wish to remind you that receiving the important duties that thus came upon me without warning and most unexpectedly, I was obliged to face the work of the year, which immediately began, without any definite plans, and indeed without any acquaintance with the schools, methods in use, and the like. I refer to this simply to show a reason for what may seem to have been extreme conservatism in the supervision of this year, and also for a lack of fulness in some details which will be hereafter given in my reports. Not much that is new has been attempted, but the many things which are good—which have been incorporated in our system of instruction and management through the wisdom of my predecessors and the teachers in former years, I have endeavored to observe and strengthen. Some definite lines for action have been mentally marked out for the future. The great effort in my work has been to discover and aid in employing teachers of the best sort and to give them all possible support and encouragement in their work. In this the other gentlemen of the Committee have given their cordial and intelligent assistance. It should be remembered that there are no infallible teachers, although a little more sweet reasonableness on the part of some parents would greatly raise the apparent standard among many of them toward infallibility; but there are teachers who are competent, faithful, energetic, and inspiring. It has been the earnest wish of all the members of the School Committee to find and employ such a teacher for each of our schools.

As superintendent I have been influenced in my work by the conviction that a teacher who is wise and faithful should have much liberty to manifest her individuality and choose her own methods. When convinced that such teachers were at work conscientiously doing their best, and alert to discover every new thing that might be practicable in school work, I have interfered little in their labors and have tried to make them feel on my part a large confidence and sympathy, both because it was quite natural to do so, and because I had judged that such treatment would prove more influential to successful school work than much censoriousness in oversight and criticism.

It has been my endeavor, however, to get a thorough understanding of the work as it went on in each school and not to be wanting at any point where a word would be useful in advising or directing any teacher or pupil. These things are spoken of not as assuming that they point to anything unique in the work of the year, but only as expressing my leading thoughts and purposes in endeavoring to discharge the duties newly taken up. The school work in general has been prosperous. With scarcely an exception the teachers have proved competent and devoted. Although school work has been disturbed to some extent by sickness, there has been no widely prevailing epidemic at any time during the year. The unusual severity of the winter, and especially the blizzard-like storms that came near the end of the last term, made havoc with teachers' plans and swelled the lists of absences and tardiness. The long fall term of 15 weeks was all things considered the golden period of the year. The weather then was fine, the health of teachers and scholars generally good, and the work going on finely in almost every school. A majority of the schools were equally prosperous during the summer, however, and notwithstanding the bitter cold and storms during the winter term, the attendance of many scholars was so regular as to show fine courage as well as a very industrious spirit. Many criticisms and complaints have been addressed to me from some families concerning several of the teachers. While I do not say that this has been in all cases needless, I can but express my conviction, having carefully considered every such case that has been heard from, that a large majority of the complaints were without any good cause. Several alleged wrongs had no foundation in fact whatever, those making complaint having seized upon reports from unreliable and hostile sources which they had apparently taken no pains to verify



at all. So common are such occurrences, so needless and so productive of trouble, that this reference is made in the hope that none may be discouraged from mentioning any real grievance, but that more consideration and carefulness may be exercised by some. It is so incredible that any teacher should not desire and labor for the advancement of every pupil in her charge, that parents should be very slow to believe it true. The good name and future advancement of the teacher are so involved in the prosperity of the pupils, that she has the strong influence of great interests that lie in the same direction with those of the parent and pupil, and parents should be slow to believe that she is unmindful of the same. If all parents would confer with the teachers often concerning their children, manifesting not a spirit of suspicion and hostility, but rather a disposition to exercise confidence and to recognize the difficulties of the teacher's work, a day of almost millennial peace would dawn upon our public schools.

#### MORALS AND MANNERS.

There can be no doubt that a great need exists of more extensive instruction in our schools as well as our homes in reference to morals and manners. Teachers may well be perplexed because of the multiplicity of subjects requiring attention, but there seems to be pressing need of urging especial attention to this in the coming year. Just how and when such teaching shall be given may not be fully prescribed. Our reading books, and especially our text-books in history, abound in moral lessons which may well be illustrated and enforced. Passages from the Bible should be read, and the hearts and the reason of pupils appealed to in presenting moral truth. The Statutes most wisely forbid the teaching of sectarian subjects in our public schools, but instruction in morals is quite another thing, and very greatly needed. Some teachers are doubtless doing all that they can already, thus complying with the law which requires that they "impress on the minds of the children and youth committed to their care and instruction the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truth; love of their country, humanity, and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry, frugality; chastity, moderation, and temperance," etc. These remarks are embodied in this report for the purpose of reminding parents to co-operate with the teachers in such teaching. Parents unfamiliar with the contents of school text-books may, if watchful and kind, teach lessons of truthfulness,

obedience to law, purity of conduct and speech, and the like, and there is most urgent necessity of their so doing. Let parents also be careful to ascertain what their children are learning *out of school*. I do not mean to imply that the moral influence at Westford schools is exceptionally bad, but I have good reasons for emphasizing this point. There are those in some public schools whose influence morally is more or less poisonous. Let parents keep their children from bad companionship as far as possible. Those who live sufficiently near their school to enable their children to return home during intermission, should, I think, gladly make use of the opportunity, and the time spent in the mixed company, before and after school hours, may well be made brief.

I desire to call the attention of parents to the rules adopted by the School Committee relating to absences, tardiness, etc., which were printed in the report of last year. They are most reasonable and important, and if considered thoughtfully will so appear to those parents who are willing to co-operate with the teachers. It will be a good day when all parents are included in that number. Shall not that day dawn with the opening of our schools for the Spring term? A copy of the rules just referred to will be furnished to any family on application.

In the brief references to the several schools which follow, I have refrained from discussing fully the merits and demerits of teachers. It would have been pleasant to have written many words of commendation concerning some of them, but it has seemed wisest to be sparing in personal references here. The fullest information possible will be given at any time privately, to persons who for any good reason desire to know the standing of any teacher.

#### CENTER SCHOOLS.

Miss Lila Fisher has taught during the entire year in the primary department. Miss Clara Fisher taught the first and second terms in the higher department, after which she resigned to accept a more profitable position in another town. The vacancy thus caused, was filled by transferring Miss Mabel Drew to this room, from the school at Minot's Corner. It has been a good year for this school. Enrollment, grammar, 25; primary, 36. Average attendance, grammar, 81.12; primary, 22.45.



## STONY BROOK.

Miss Georgia Dalrymple taught during the summer and until the Thanksgiving recess in the autumn, at which time she was compelled to leave by sickness in her home. She possessed the good will of her pupils and the school was very harmonious under her leadership. The year was completed with Mr. Henry McClusky as teacher. His methods were very different from those to which the school had been used, and caused some uneasiness and friction, but indications at the end point to improvement and more healthful conditions in the school-life. Enrollment, 35; average attendance, 22.77.

## FORGE VILLAGE.

Miss Flora A Whitcomb and Miss Mabel Baldwin, teachers in the higher and primary departments, respectively, both remained during the entire year and the work in this difficult school has been uninterrupted and successful. Enrollment, grammar, 36; primary, 69. Average attendance, grammar, 22.59; primary, 53.50.

## NASHOBA.

Miss Clara Smith taught during the summer, autumn, and a part of the winter terms. She was obliged to cease teaching during the first part of the last term on account of ill health. Miss Smith has been the teacher of this school for several years, and the scholarship and appearance of the school reflect much credit upon her labors. The winter term was finished successfully by Mrs. Minot Bean. Enrollment, 22; average attendance, 15.25.

## PARKERVILLE.

Miss E. Grace Butterfield, a graduate of the Framingham Normal School, taught here very acceptably during the entire year. Two or three cases of scarlet fever and measles disturbed the otherwise unbroken prosperity of the year. Enrollment, 13; average attendance, 8.95.

## MINOT'S CORNER.

Miss Mabel Drew taught during the summer and fall and then resigned to take charge of the higher department of the school at the Center. Miss Julia Chamberlain taught during the winter. The year's work was very prosperous. Enrollment, 19; average attendance, 14.1.

## NABNASSET.

Miss Winship added another year of success to her long term of successful labor in this school. Enrollment, 27; average attendance, 20.5.

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR.

Miss Fanny Prescott taught the summer term. Although subjected to great annoyances she did some very good work. Mrs. Minot Bean took charge in the fall until the Thanksgiving recess, when sickness compelled her to give up the school, greatly to the regret of the scholars and committee. The work of the year was completed very successfully with Miss Lillian B. Hammond of Wamesit as teacher. Enrollment, 18; average attendance, 15.2.

## LYON.

Miss Josephine Dane continued here until the end of the summer term and then resigned. Miss Alice Bunce of Worcester taught during the fall and winter, and the school showed constant improvement from her labors. Enrollment, 12; average attendance, 10.4.

## GRANITEVILLE.

No change in the corps of teachers during the year. None is desired. The first primary room is overflowing, with 60 or more pupils, which is more than one teacher should have in charge. If this state of things continues, as it apparently will, another room will be imperatively needed. This large building is beginning to seem small, its four beautiful rooms, so well kept and attractive, too few. A Kindergarten school would relieve the lower primary room of its congested condition and be a fine addition to our school system.

In the intermediate department there have been a few boys so unruly that unless a better mind shall come to them, they may be considered fit candidates for a truant school at the opening of the school year. Enrollment, 130; average attendance, 97.2.

The expenses for supplies have been larger than last year. This will be accounted for in part by the purchase of some desks, a few maps, and a purchase of a quantity of some of the regular text books,

which it is expected will last for some time to come. The exact cost of supplies in each school is not given this year owing to a lack of a complete system of records in some schools during the first term. The total and average costs will be found, and the exact value of books issued to each school will be hereafter given.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. BICKFORD,

*Acting Superintendent.*

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## REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

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Cases investigated.....	4
Brought to trial.....	none

A. R. CHOATE,  
WILBER PARSONS,  
EUGENE DE RHONE,

*Truant Officers.*

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

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The cost of books and supplies bought during the year 1892-93 has been as follows :

American Book Co.....	\$ 66 96	
Geo. S. Perry.....	22 14	
D. C. Heath & Co.....	34 61	
Lee & Shepard.....	5 42	
J. L. Hammett.....	133 96	
Ginn & Co.....	12 42	
Wm. Ware & Co.....	1 46	
Boston School Supply Co.....	84 95	
University Publishing Co.....	67 11	
F. W. Park.....	11 50	
Wright and Fletcher.....	75	
Express and freight bills.....	7 90	
Supplies furnished by Supt.....	2 75	
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Cost of books and supplies distributed.....		\$402 00
Cost " " " " per pupil (average)....		92

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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Whole amount of school money.....	\$5,108 27
Paid teachers' wages....	\$4,342 00
for care of school-houses.....	242 25
fuel .....	456 98
house cleaning, etc.....	32 25
tuition to Littleton.....	12 25
tuition to Tyngsboro'.....	11 50
Balance in treasury.....	11 04
	<hr/> \$5,108 27

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THE SUMS PAID FOR TEACHING, CARE OF HOUSES, FUEL,  
AND HOUSE CLEANING IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS ARE  
SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

	Teachers.	Care of house.	Fuel.	Cleaning house, vaults, etc.	Cost for each pupil.
Center, two schools,	\$ 630 00	\$22 00	\$ 48 37	\$14 05	\$13 23
Stony Brook,	289 00	11 00	24 50		9 27
Forge Village, two schools,	630 00	44 75	44 87	4 75	6 90
Nashoba,	262 00	11 00	20 25	1 00	13 69
Parkerville,	269 00	11 00	20 25	2 00	23 25
Minot's Corner,	269 00	11 00	24 00	2 50	16 13
Nabnasset,	269 00	11 00	19 50		11 09
Long-sought-for,	269 00	11 00	38 26		17 68
Lyon,	269 00	11 00	27 25	1 20	25 70
Graniteville, four schools,	1,186 00	98 50	189 73	6 75	11 39



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Wages per Month.	Aver. Attendance.	Not Absent.	Not Tardy.	Tardy Marks.	Days Lost.	Average No. Days Lost per Pupil.
SPRING TERM.								
Centre .....	{ Clara Fisher .....	\$32 00	16.94	2	13	6	18	1.
	{ Lila C. Fisher.....	32 00	27.14	2	30	0	101	3.3
Stony Brook .....	{ Georgia Dalrymple.....	32 00	27.12	5	24	19	136	6.25
	{ Flora A. Whitcomb.....	36 00	26.38	4	20	24	182	5.4
Forge Village.....	{ Mabel Baldwin.....	36 00	43.5	4	18	50	330	6.5
Nashoba.....	{ Clara Smith.....	32 00	15.1	6	11	4	58	3.6
Parkerville.....	{ E. Grace Butterfield.....	28 00	10.2	2	9	3	705	5.9
Minot's Corner...	{ Mabel Drew.....	28 00	15.5	1	9	9	35	2.2
Nabnasset.....	{ Lizzie A. Winship.....	28 00	19.92	3	20	3	25	1.8
Long-sought-for..	{ Fanny Prescott.....	28 00	14.8	9	4	26	10	0.7
Lyon.....	{ Josephine Dane.....	28 00	10.30	2	11	1	26	2.4
	{ Issie A. Parker.....	32 00	21.71	8	20	9	133	3.3
Graniteville .....	{ Annie Wilson.....	32 00	15.95	1	14	11	222	11.
	{ Blanche Craven.....	32 00	14.74	2	14	6	110	6.
	{ Annie Carmichael.....	32 00	43.89	8	41	13	91	1.8
FALL TERM.								
Centre .....	{ Clara A. Fisher.....	36 00	21.73	1	15	10	49	2.
	{ Lila C. Fisher.....	36 00	22.29	1	14	13	25	1.23
Stony Brook ....	{ Georgia Dalrymple .....	32 00	23.17	3	19	61	138	5.7
	{ Henry McClusky.....							
Forge Village.....	{ Flora A. Whitcomb.....	36 00	20.79	2	18	26	61	2.64
	{ Mabel Baldwin.....	36 00	38.5	2	24	98	122	3.2
Nashoba.....	{ Clara Smith.....	32 00	15.8	3	10	12	74	4.3
Parkerville.....	{ E. Grace Butterfield.....	32 00	10.3	1	11	1	107	8.9
Minot's Corner...	{ Mabel Drew.....	32 00	14.2	6	10	12	66	4.1
Nabnasset.....	{ Lizzie A. Winship.....	32 00	19.51	5	19	6	24	0.9
Long-sought-for..	{ Clara B. Beane.....	32 00	16.	7	13	7	33	1.8
	{ Lillian B. Hammond.....							
Lyon.....	{ Alice J. Bunce.....	32 00	10.3	2	4	23	58	4.8
	{ Annie Carmichael.....	32 00	50.9	2	32	58	167	3.1
Graniteville. ....	{ Blanche Craven.....	32 00	14.94	2	11	15	114	6.3
	{ Annie Wilson.....	36 00	17.72	0	13	31	93	4.
	{ Issie A. Parker.....	36 00	16.63	4	17	9	84	4.
WINTER TERM.								
Centre .....	{ Mabel Drew.....	36 00	15.68	1	14	15	77	3.5
	{ Lila C. Fisher.....	36 00	17.93	0	20	4	156	6.2
Stony Brook .....	{ Henry McClusky.....	36 00	18.	0	3	134	187	8.5
	{ Flora A. Whitcomb.....	36 00	20.6	5	18	29	98	4.9
Forge Village.....	{ Mabel Baldwin.....	36 00	39.2	5	20	100	396	8.1
Nashoba.....	{ Clara Smith.....	32 00	15.87	0	13	15	85	4.8
	{ Clara B. Beane.....							
Parkerville.....	{ E. Grace Butterfield.....	32 00	7.2	1	10	0	42	4.2
Minot's Corner...	{ Julia Chamberlain.....	32 00	15.2	6	13	11	53	3.3
Nabnasset.....	{ Lizzie A. Winship.....	32 00	19.51	5	15	20	78	3.25
Long-sought-for..	{ Lillian B. Hammond.....	32 00	13.33	1	11	10	64	4.3
Lyon.....	{ Alice J. Bunce.....	32 00	9.5	1	0	20	30	3.
	{ Annie Carmichael.....	36 00	48.96	3	38	38	393	7.04
Graniteville .....	{ Blanche Craven.....	36 00	11.37	2	12	6	52	3.5
	{ Annie Wilson.....	36 00	17.67	0	10	38	109	4.2
	{ Issie A. Parker .....	36 00	17.11	5	16	6	42	2.8

The three terms of the school year were 11, 15, and 9 weeks long respectively, excepting that at Nashoba there are reported only 6 weeks in the winter, owing to the sickness of the teacher. The whole number of scholars enrolled was 435 (last year 417); the total average membership 358.84 (last year 311.09); total average attendance 320.11 (last year 275.62).

## ROLL OF HONOR.

SHOWING THOSE NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR ONE TERM  
OR MORE.

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### CENTER SCHOOLS—GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

*One Term*—George Ruiter, Fred Farrar, Philip S. Prescott.

### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

*One Term*—Alberta Wilson, Elsie Wilson.

### STONY BROOK.

*Two Terms*—John Taylor.

*One Term*—Guy Decatur, Fannie Bannister, Mary Flynn, Percy Furbush, Helen Polley, Esther Taylor.

### FORGE VILLAGE—GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

*Three Terms*—Walter Finch.

*Two Terms*—Elizabeth Constantino, Willie Hanley.

*One Term*—Emily Catchpole, John Connell, Marcia Haley.

### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

*Two Terms*—Helen Constantino, Florence Finch, Eddie Hanley.

*One Term*—James Haley, Susie Haley, Henry Shortsleeve, Archie Whigham.

### NASHOBA.

*Two Terms*—Emma Castell, Anna Castell, John Hutchinson.

*One Term*—Willie McDonald, George E. Howard, Willie H. Wayne.

### PARKERVILLE.

*One Term*—Matilda J. Bicknell, Ethel H. Woodbury.

## MINOT'S CORNER.

*Three Terms*—Hattie G. Stephan.

*Two Terms*—Augusta E. Blaisdell, Mary P. Bunce, Willie Bicknell, Arthur B. Barnard, Chas. S. Barnard.

*One Term*—Lilla V. Lee, Frank A. Lee, Mattie E. Hildreth, Freddie Bicknell.

## NABNASSET.

*Two Terms*—Charlie Edwards, Harry Ingalls.

*One Term*—Carl Quist, Frank E. Ingalls, Herbert Ingalls, Paul Quist, Frank Edwards.

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR.

*Two Terms*—Nellie Burke, Katie Burke, Julia Burke.

*One Term*—Lula Dane, Leonard Dane, Iva Sherburne.

## LYON.

*Two Terms*—Freddie Blodgett.

*One Term*—Eddie Gould, William W. Wyman.

## GRANITEVILLE—FIRST PRIMARY.

*Two Terms*—Cornelia Kierstead, Lina Grenberg.

*One Term*—Robbie Christie, Ottie Haley, Etta Sheahan, Willie Petherick, Mabel Symmes, Lizzie Symmes, Clarence McLenna, Arthur Callahan.

## SECOND PRIMARY.

*One Term*—John Daly, Maude Carkin.

## GRAMMAR.

*Three Terms*—Annie Davie, Fred Reed, Hattie Sargent.

*Two Terms*—Thomas Larkin.

*One Term*—Sarah Davie, Blanche York, Hannah Riney, Lewis Palmer, Daniel Harrington.

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## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1893.

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### TOWN CLERK.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT.

### SELECTMEN.

J. HENRY READ, <i>Chairman</i> , . . .	Term expires March, 1894.
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, <i>Sec.</i> , . . .	Term expires March, 1895.
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD . . .	Term expires March, 1896.

### ASSESSORS.

A. RICHMOND LEIGHTON . . .	Term expires March, 1894.
GEORGE H. HARTFORD, <i>Chairman</i> , . .	Term expires March, 1895.
WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK . . .	Term expires March, 1896.

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

HAMMETT D. WRIGHT, <i>Sec.</i> , . . .	Term expires March, 1894.
WAYLAND F. BALCH, <i>Chairman</i> , . .	Term expires March, 1895.
ALVIN G. POLLEY . . .	Term expires March, 1896.

### TOWN TREASURER.

NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

### COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

WALTER C. WRIGHT.

### AUDITOR.

ARTHUR B. PLIMPTON.

### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

TRUE A. BEAN.

### REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

QUINCY W. DAY . . . . .	Term expires April 30, 1894.
OSCAR R. SPALDING . . . . .	Term expires April 30, 1895.
NELSON L. TUTTLE, <i>Chairman</i> , . .	Term expires April 30, 1896.
GILMAN J. WRIGHT, <i>Clerk, ex-officio</i> .	

### SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

BENJAMIN F. DAY.

### INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS, ETC.

(Under Chap. 195, Acts of 1892.)

GEORGE T. DAY.

The foregoing officers have all been sworn. Of the following only those marked by a star have been sworn.

#### CONSTABLES.

\*ISAAC E. DAY.

WALTER C. WRIGHT.

#### FIELD DRIVERS.

A. R. LEIGHTON.

LEONARD W. WHEELER.

JOHN M. FLETCHER.

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.

#### FENCE VIEWERS.

\*ALVIN G. POLLEY.

LEWIS C. DANE.

ALMON S. VOSE.

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ABIEL J. ABBOT, *Chairman* . . . Term expires March, 1894.

GEORGE DREW . . . Term expires March, 1894.

ALBERT R. CHOATE . . . Term expires March, 1895.

AUGUSTUS A. BICKFORD, *Sec.* . . Term expires March, 1895.

FRANK H. HILDRETH . . . Term expires March, 1896.

ALFRED WOODBURY . . . Term expires March, 1896.

No oath of office has heretofore been required of members of the School Committee; but the Election Act of 1893 provides that members hereafter elected shall be sworn before entering upon the performance of the duties of their office.

#### MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK AND SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

CHARLES L. FLETCHER.

GILMER STONE.

\*THOMAS E. SYMMES.

GEORGE H. PRESCOTT.

\*W. W. JOHNSON

\*W. W. WYMAN.

MINOT A. BEAN.

JOHN A. HEALY.

W. E. PARSONS.

WILLIAM M. VOSE.

WILLIAM C. EDWARDS.

HAMMETT D. WRIGHT.

\*HORACE E. GOULD.

CHARLES E. WHIDDEN.

G. A. PERHAM.

THOMAS DREW.

W. O. HAWKES.

#### WEIGHERS OF COAL.

\*CHAS. E. WHIDDEN. \*J. M. FLETCHER. \*E. H. WHIDDEN.

\*W. H. JOHNSON.

\*MINOT A. BEAN.

No oath is required of the remaining officers.

#### MEASURER OF GRAIN.

W. H. H. BURBECK.

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NETTIE M. STEVENS . . . .	Term expires March, 1894.
KATE S. HAMLIN . . . .	Term expires March, 1895.
WILLIAM E. FROST . . . .	Term expires March, 1896.

Miss Stevens vacated her office by removing from town and Miss Margaret A. O'Neil was appointed to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

## LIBRARIAN.

CARRIE E. READ.

## COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD . . . .	Term expires March, 1894.
WILLIAM E. FROST . . . .	Term expires March, 1895.
ALLAN CAMERON . . . .	Term expires March, 1896.

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

THE SELECTMEN, *ex-officio*.*Agents of Board:*

JULIAN A. CAMERON, for Sanitary and Diseases.  
 GILMAN J. WRIGHT, to issue Burial Permits.  
 GEORGE T. DAY, for suppression of contagious diseases among domestic animals.

## POLICE OFFICERS.

EUGENE DEROEHN. JOSEPH H. WILSON.  
 SAMUEL H. BALCH.

## FIRE WARDS.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER. GEORGE F. CARKIN.  
 WILBERT E. PARSONS.

## FOREST FIRE WARDS.

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD. EDWARD PRESCOTT.

## AGENT FOR BURIAL OF DECEASED SOLDIERS, ETC.

GEORGE T. DAY.

## UNDERTAKER.

ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

## JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

JOSEPH H. WILSON.

## APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

NOAH PRESCOTT. W. H. H. BURBECK. SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.



# BIRTHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1893.*

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
June 26,	Amission, Walter Guy.....	Frederick L. and Lois A. (Hartley).
April 9,	Bannister, Seth Warrener.....	Francis W. and Margaret H. (Denton).
March 25,	Barnard, Leah Lecretia.....	Joel H. and Amanda M. (Gray).
March 1,	Beauchaine, Rosanna .....	Arthur and Desonega (Bergeon).
Dec. 31,	Blockner, Morris .....	Max and Lena (Siden).
June 15,	Boucher, Amos Joseph.....	Joseph and Mary (Durowe).
April 21,	Boynton, Walter D.....	Harrison D. and Bertha (Butterfield).
Oct. 17,	Br�w, William Talmage.....	Byron H. and Clara (Kruckman).
April 12,	Buckingham, William Folland..	John H. and Lizzie A. (Willis).
Feb. 10,	Callahan, Eugene.....	John F. and Annie (Bradley).
Feb. 10,	Callahan, Kate.....	John F. and Annie (Bradley).
May 22,	Cameron, Dora Sarah .....	Frank E. and Addie M. (Nutting).
April 12,	Campling, Annie Elizabeth.....	John W. and Mary M. (Whigham).
July 9,	Charlton, Henry .....	Arthur and Mary (Clark).
Aug. 20,	Clement, John Edward.....	Peter and Mary (O'Connor).
Nov. 10,	Day, Addie Louisa.....	Quincy W. and Ada A. (Sharp).
Nov. 10,	Day, Albert Leslie.....	Quincy W. and Ada A. (Sharp).
April 19,	DeFault, Catherina Evelina....	Edward D. and Elizabeth (Lebrun).
Dec. 20,	Demarest, Joseph Christopher..	George and Mary (Allard).
Aug. 3,	DeRoehn, Bernice Marie.....	Charles F. and Bertha (Hoyt).
Oct. 18,	DeRoehn, Emerson Andrew ....	Andrew and Mary Ann (Weaver).
June 16,	DeRoehn, Leon .....	George and Mary (Healy).
Oct. 15,	Durowe, Marie Emma Melvina,	Moses and Mary C. (Gineaux).
May 2,	Edwards, Ethel May.....	William E. and Elnora (Smith).
Feb. 17,	Farrell, James Simon .....	Thomas J. and Ellen B. (Ireland).
Dec. 13,	Filiatreault, Joseph Edward...	Isidore and Malvina (Boucher).
March 8,	Fraser, —.....	James E. and Nancy A. (Decater).
July 19,	Furbush, Ruth Marjorie .....	Frank L. and Margaret (Murphy).
May 21,	Gilson, William Warren.....	George Q. and Alice M. (Garrett).
Nov. 16,	Gower, Lizzie Ann .....	William and Elizabeth (Donoghue).
Oct. 20,	Hamlin, Edward Sumner .....	Edward A. and Hattie B. (Peters).
June 11,	Hamlin, Gertrude Augusta.....	Charles A. and Lizzie (Kimball).
Dec. 27,	Hartford, Mary Shepard .....	George H. and Lizzie J. (Morse).
June 12,	Lorman, Lillian Maud.....	Samuel J. and Annie J. (Morrison).
Oct. 10,	McLenna, Edward Warren.....	Alvin and Lillian (Spaulding).
July 17,	Miller, Frank E.....	Frank E. and Lillian B. (Whitney).
March 27,	O'Brien, Henry Joseph.....	James H. and Annie (Dunn).
May 14,	O'Brien, Myrtle Marie.. .....	John W. and Lillian (Dempsey).
April 22,	O'Connor, William.....	Horace Wyman and Lizzie O'Connor.
Dec. 12,	Paille, Joseph Arthur Omer ....	Edward and Flora (Garceaux).
June 15,	Paille, Oria.....	Joseph and Adele (Mileaux).
June 6,	Parrade, Henry .....	Paul and Della (Poulet).
March 9,	Prescott, Benjamin Adams.....	Ebenezer and Josephine (Webster).
Jan. 4,	Richardson, Fannie Amelia.....	Joseph T. and Lucy (Smith).
June 26,	Robey, Frederick Arthur.....	Ossian V. and Minnie A. (Eastman).
May 17,	Rose, Mary Marjorie .....	Frank A. and Margaret L. (Splain).
March 2,	Sevignie, Marie Alphonsie.....	Napoleon and Athanie (Robicheau).
March 30,	Smith, Frederick Wilmot .....	James F. and Mary L. (Tower).
March 30,	Smith, Mildred Elwida .....	James F. and Mary L. (Tower).
Nov. 13,	Spillane, William Gordon.....	Patrick and Kate A. (Donoghue).
Sept. 23,	Spinner, Elizabeth Margaret....	John and Elizabeth Sarah (Wheeler).
Sept. 4,	Steele, Walter Mervin.....	Mervin F. and Margaret (Davidson).
June 22,	Stewart, Fred McNaughton.....	James and Mary (McNaughton).
Aug. 17,	Stirk, Albert George.....	Frederick and Ellen (Brown).
Oct. 28,	Symmes, Anna Harrison.....	Thomas E. and Nancy A. (Hale).
Sept. 26,	Walkden, Herbert Haldon.....	James A. and Lydia (Kelley).
Nov. 10,	Whittemore, Clarence Albert...	Ernest and Emily (Berry).

Whole number recorded, 57; males, 34; females, 23; of American parentage, 25; foreign parentage, 17; American father and foreign mother, 11; American mother and foreign father, 4.

Supplement to last year's report: The Symmes child has been named Althea.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

# MARRIAGES

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1893.*

DATE.	NAMES.	Age.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Aug. 8,	Baker, Edward D.....	22	Hopkinton .....	Hopkinton.
	Stone, Edith M.....	21	" .....	Upton.
Sept. 3,	Blodgett, Arthur Thaddeus. ...	22	Westford .....	Westford.
	Weaver, Emily .....	19	" .....	England.
Aug. 15,	Blodgett, Fred J.....	26	" .....	Westford.
	Bridgeford, Salina.....	18	Chelmsford.....	England.
June 18,	Brown, Woodbury L.....	20	Westford .....	Lynn.
	Barnard, Delia.....	18	Lancaster .....	Holyoke.
June 22,	Cameron, Julian Abbot .....	26	Westford .....	Westford.
	Abbot, Lucy Kebler .....	23	" .....	"
Feb. 18,	Campling, John William.....	20	Lawrence .....	England.
	Whigham, Mary Marshall.....	18	Westford .....	Scotland.
June 18,	Cantin, Teophile.....	22	" .....	Prov. Quebec.
	Garceau, Diana .....	19	" .....	"
Nov. 2,	Caunter, Horace .....	23	" .....	Acton.
	Ingalls, Ella.....	25	Tyngsborough .....	Tyngsborough.
May 1,	Decater, Joshua Calvin.....	24	Westford .....	Westford.
	Dalrymple, Georgie Ella.....	23	Groton.....	Groton.
May 30,	Fletcher, George M.....	35	Westford .....	Rindge, N. H.
	Palmer, Susie Nellie.....	29	Chelmsford.....	Pelham, N. H.
Jan. 21,	Harmon, Thomas F.....	27	Westford .....	Boston.
	Brewster, Matilda .....	25	" .....	England.
Jan. 17,	Healy, John A.....	35	" .....	Canada.
	Sullivan, Lizzie.....	30	" .....	Westford.
April 24,	Healy, William James .....	29	" .....	Canada.
	Dunn, Ellen.....	24	" .....	Westford.
May 8,	Johnson, William R.....	27	" .....	Westport, N. Y.
	Cordingley, Inez A.....	22	Philadelphia, Pa....	Lawrence.
Sept. 3,	Lapron, Arthur .....	19	Westford .....	Prov. Quebec.
	Payee, Delia .....	14	" .....	"
April 2,	Milow, Dennis.....	23	" .....	Canada.
	Lampreau, Delia.....	22	" .....	"
Nov. 27,	Monahan, John Joseph.....	24	" .....	Chelmsford.
	McEnaney, Margaret E.....	20	Chelmsford.....	"
May 24,	Moody, Harry E.....	35	Nashua, N. H....	Thetford, Vt.
	Grant, Martha M.....	23	Westford .....	Millville, N. B.
Dec. 28,	Orr, Robert.....	23	" .....	Ireland.
	McMurray, Jennie.....	18	" .....	"
Jan. 1,	Payers, Edmond.....	17	" .....	Canada.
	Garceau, Flora.....	24	" .....	"
Dec. 19,	Quist, Axel Fabian.....	22	" .....	Sweden.
	Alhborg, Annie Amelia.....	23	" .....	"
Sept. 9,	Sanborn, George L.....	27	" .....	Hampton F's, N.H
	Mellor, Maggie.....	25	" .....	England.
Sept. 14,	Savage, William H.....	61	Harvard .....	Weston.
	Fletcher, Martha A. (Wright).....	57	Westford .....	Westford.
Sept. 6,	Trott, Charles Henry.....	26	" .....	London, Eng.
	Taft, Cora Inez.....	25	Milford .....	Milford.
Oct. 22,	Whitney, George H.....	31	Westford .....	Lowell.
	Woodman, Ida.....	28	" .....	Belfast, Me.
Dec. 27,	Wright, George Porter .....	72	" .....	Dunstable.
	Knox, Emma E.....	42	Lowell.....	Exeter, Me.
Sept. 2,	Wright, Walter Cumings.....	28	Westford .....	Westford.
	Sargent, Meda Malvina.....	27	Lewis, N. Y.....	Lewis, N. Y.

Number of marriages recorded ....	27
Number solemnized in Westford... ..	15
Westford grooms .....	23
Westford brides .....	16
Between Americans.....	12
Between foreigners .....	7

American groom and foreign bride... ..	5
American bride and foreign groom... ..	3
Second marriage of groom .....	5
Second marriage of bride.....	1
Solemnized by Westford clergymen ..	9

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

# DEATHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1893.*

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		YS.	MS.	DS.
Apr. 13,	Barnard, Amanda M. (Gray)—wife of Joel H.....	32	11	14
Mar. 21,	Beauchaine, Selina—dau. of Arthur and Dearsaige (Bergeon)...	5		
May 13,	Beaufford, ———son of Ralph and Rose (Belrose).....			
Nov. 17,	Blanchard, John M.—son of Pascon and Maggie (Wilcok).....	2	1	9
Sept. 4,	Boynton, George P.—son of John and Acenith (Tilton).....	78	2	21
Jan. 18,	Boynton, Mark C.—son of Mark W. and Desire.....	74		
Apr. 11,	Brown, Charles—son of Ephraim Reed and Mary Brown.....		7	22
Apr. 28,	Bryan, Mary Ann (Payne)—wife of Clarence W.....	22	1	25
Feb. 25,	Burnett, Edward Percy—son of William and Maria (Bedford)...		7	27
Feb. 18,	Callahan, Eugene—son of John F. and Annie (Bradley).....			9
Feb. 14,	Callahan, Kate—dau. of John F. and Annie (Bradley).....			4
Mar. 10,	Cameron, Eleanor Frances (Flint)—wife of Allan.....	51	9	26
Sept. 28,	Connel, Arthur Chester—son of John and Margaret (Coughlin)...		11	19
Feb. 14,	Crooker, Calvin B.—son of Comfort and Judith (Buckman).....	66	5	17
Mar. 6,	Davis, Abel L.—resident of Lowell.....	65		
Aug. 18,	Day, Hannah (Wright)—wid. of John.....	80	5	13
Dec. 8,	Degan, Robert M.—son of Patrick and Bridget (O'Brien).....	33		
Dec. 4,	Esty, Joseph E.—son of Lot and Mary F. (Winn).....	60		
Nov. 26,	Esty, Mary F. (Winn)—wid. of Lot.....	83	9	
Feb. 20,	Farrell, James Simon—son of Thomas J. and Ellen B. (Ireland)...			3
Dec. 31,	Filiatreault, Joseph E.—son of Isidore and Malvina (Boucher)...			17
Mar. 22,	Fletcher, Mary (Kimball)—wid. of Abel.....	76	10	24
Nov. 18,	Flynn, ———son of John and Ellen (Durgin).....			
Mar. 8,	Fraser, ———son of James E. and Nancy A. (Decater).....			
Oct. 12,	Griffin, Lydia S. (Gates)—wid. of Timothy L.....	59	10	13
Nov. 25,	Hildreth, Lucertia (Ingalls)—resident of Lowell.....	84	2	5
June 9,	Hill, Mary P. —dau. of Geo. W. and Janette (Farrow).....	26	8	2
July 14,	Hosley, George H.—resident of Ayer.....	4	7	18
May 8,	Hughes, Olive L. (Provost)—wife of Thomas.....	29		
Dec. 9,	Hunt, Clarissa (Wilson)—resident of Lowell.....	90	9	19
Mar. 27,	Ingalls, Joseph—resident of Lowell.....	66	0	26
Mar. 9,	Ingalls, Sarah J.—resident of Lowell.....	80	0	9
Mar. 2,	Jewett, Clarissa—resident of Lowell.....	86	0	12
Sept. 28,	Keyes, Rosina—dau. of Otis and Lucy Ann (Turrell).....	37	6	10
July 15,	Kittredge, Elizabeth H. (Tilton)—wife of William.....	77	4	
Dec. 10,	Laprou, Delia (Payee)—wife of Arthur.....	14		
June 3,	Longley, Otis—resident of Chicago, Ill.....	88		
Jan. 24,	McCarty, Jeremiah—son of Timothy and Fanny.....	66		
May 4,	McCarty, Patrick H. A.—son of Dennis and Ellen Lennon.....	17	2	
Dec. 31,	Mileaux, Marie Georgiana—dau. of Joseph and Marie (LeFai)...	1	11	5
Aug. 12,	O'Brien, Myrtle M.—dau. of John W. and Elizabeth (Dempsey)...			
June 11,	O'Connor, William—s. of Horace Wyman and Lizzie O'Connor...			
Oct. 10,	O'Toole, Mary Ellen—resident of Lowell.....	2	7	9
Sept. 11,	Paille, Oria—dau. of Joseph and Adele (Milot).....		3	27
Nov. 24,	Powell, Margaret J. (Winn)—resident of Boston.....	66		
June 13,	Proctor, Sarah (Tewksbury)—wid. of Francis K.....	89	8	
Feb. 17,	Richardson, A. Minot—son of Albert P. and Alma (Minot).....		3	29
Dec. 31,	Sargent, Harriet (Reed)—wid. of Charles G.....	76	5	12
Apr. 12,	Sevenier, Alphonse—son of John and Alice (Robicheau).....		10	9
May 1,	Sevenier, Alphonse—son of Napoleon and Athanie (Robicheau)...	1	0	6
Mar. 18,	Sevenier, Marie A.—dau. of Napoleon and Athanie (Robicheau)...			19
Oct. 20,	Southwick, Elizabeth—dau. of Henry and Phebe (Whitmore)...	77	10	26
Oct. 28,	Smythe, Glydas E.—resident of Lowell.....		7	
Mar. 4,	Sullivan, Annie (Carmichael)—wife of James.....	28	5	12
Feb. 20,	Taylor, ———son of John P. and Fanny (Tyler).....			
May 23,	Vinal, Catherine (Bearce)—wid. of George.....	72		
Sept. 1,	Walkden, George D.—son of James A. and Lydia (Kelley).....	13	3	28
May 8,	Whigham, Ann (Marshall)—wife of William.....	48		
Oct. 1,	Winchell, Howard—resident of Shirley.....			16
Oct. 7,	Wright, Elizabeth M. (Carr)—wid. of Erastus.....	81	8	7
May 9,	Wright, Mary A. (Moore)—wife of George P.....	71	2	11
May 11,	Wright, Mary Eveline (Hildreth)—resident of Nashua, N. H.....	54	8	9

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded.....	28	34	62
Number of deaths in town.....	23	27	50
Residents of Westford.....	23	26	49
Non-residents brought to town for interment.....	5	6	11
Number of interments in town.....	11	18	29

Causes of death: Pneumonia, 6; phthisis, bronchitis, 5 each; marasmus, old age, 4 each; stillborn, 3; Laryngitis, peritonitis, cancer, measles, 2 each; calcification of arteries, spinal sclerosis, paralysis of heart, tabo messorica, intestinal hemorrhage, at birth, pernicious anæmia, cerebral embolus, arteris sclerosis, apoplexy, congestion of lungs, pyæmia, cholera infantum, gastritis, accident, cholera morbus, dementia, asthenia, paralysis, croup, typhoid fever, convulsions, meningitis, 1 each;

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

#### NOTE.

The Town Clerk would respectfully request all persons interested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages, and deaths, and if any errors are noted, or if there be omissions, that they be reported to him in writing, that the records may be perfected.

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may involve much trouble in the future.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 29, 1893:

125 males at \$2.00.....	\$250 00
3 females at \$5.00.....	15 00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$265 00</b>
Deduct Clerk's fees, 128 licenses at 20 cents each .....	25 60
<b>Balance paid into county treasury.....</b>	<b>\$239 40</b>

For which the receipts of the County Treasurer are on file.

Of the foregoing licenses two (males) were for the year ending April 30, 1893.

Number licensed since last return, Nov. 29, 1893, 2 (males).

Number licensed for the year ending April 30, 1894: Males, 125; females, 3; total, 128.

Number returned by Assessors: Males, 133; females, 5; total, 138.

### OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES SINCE LAST REPORT.

The licenses are for the year ending April 30, 1894, unless otherwise specified.

Adams, Chas. L.	Carkin, George F.	Davis, Alfred S.
Agnew, Janette	Carmichael, David	Davis, William
Balch, S. H.	Carmichael, James H. (2)	Day, Geo. T.
Bannister, Charles H.	Carrick, Thomas	Day, Isaac E.
Barnard, Joel H.	Carver, Wm. R.	Decater, John H.
Bean, Mary A.	Catchpole, Henry	Defoe, Edward
Bemis, Henry S.	Caunter, Horace	DeRoehn, Andrew
Berry, Ernest	Cheever, Jacob	DeRoehn, Eugene
Blaisdell, Alvin J.	Clement, Peter	Drew, Frank C.
Blodgett, Josiah W.	Colyer, James	Eaton, Ward W.
Blodgett, Wilford G.	Comey, Arthur H. (2)	Edwards, William C.
Blood, Napoleon B.	Craven, Edward	Farrell, Ellen B.
Bouvet, Joseph	Cummings, Chas. M.	Feeney, John
Boynton, James M.	Daley, Hugh	Field, Adelbert L.
Buckingham, John	Dane, Hiram	Fifield, Geo. H. (2)



Fisher, Alec	Lorman, S. J.	Rockwell, Guy
Fletcher, Henry N. (3)	Mann, Mrs. E. L.	Stephan, Reinhold
Fletcher, Henry A. (2)	Martin, Fred	Stiles, Fred O.
Fletcher, J. Willard	McGlinchey, John	Stiles, Fred O. (1893)
Floyd, Samuel	Millow, Joseph	Sweatt, Fred A.
Gilson, George	Moore, E. A.	Sweatt, Mrs. S. D.
Gilson, Levi S.	Moore, G. C.	Tallant, E. W.
Gower, William	Morrison, James	Voren, Mrs. Octave
Greig, David L.	Morse, French M.	Vose, Wm. M.
Greig, David L. (Fem.)	Murphy, Henry J.	Wall, Chris ina
Hall, John	Murray, Ann	Whigham, Wm.
Harrington, Henry	Nesmith, Geo. W.	Whitney, Hiram
Hartford, Geo. H.	Nesmith, Geo. W. (Fem)	Whitney, J. H.
Hawkes, Wesley O.	Nutting, Alvin S.	Whitney, Julian
Healy, Mrs. James	Nutting, William	Whitney, Wm. M.
Healy, William J.	O'Brien, James	Wilson, Arthur
Heywood, Albert W.	O'Brien, Jas. 2d, (2)	Wood, Oliver
Hildreth, Herbert V.	O'Brien, James H.	Wright, Andrew S.
Hill, Geo. W.	O'Brien, John W.	Wright, Frank C.
Holt, Arthur S.	Osterhout, J. Clark	Wright, Walter C.
Horan, Thomas	Putney, Lucia	Wright, Willey M.
Hutchins, John	Quinn, John W.	Wyman, Walter W.
Hutchins, Stephen E.	Reed, Charles W.	York, John A.
Ingalls, George W.	Reed, Ephraim	Young, Robert S.
King, Albert	Reed, William (2)	Young, Robt. S. (Fem.)
Larkin, John		

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

WESTFORD, Feb. 9, 1894.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1893.

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held in the Town House, March 20, 1893, the following business was transacted:

1st. The Town Clerk appointed George W. Heywood Teller, to serve during the election of Moderator, and he was duly sworn by said Clerk. J. Henry Read was elected Moderator.

2d. The Selectmen appointed Samuel G. Humiston and A. Richmond Leighton, Ballot Clerks, and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk, who delivered to them the package of official ballots and took their receipt therefor.

3d. The Moderator appointed George W. Heywood and Henry L. McCluskey, Tellers, who were duly sworn by said Moderator, and took charge of the check list and ballot box, respectively. The Moderator also appointed Sherman H. Fletcher, Teller, and administered to him the oath of office.

4th. The meeting then proceeded to ballot for the town officers named in the warrant, and also on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Before the commencement of balloting, the ballot box was opened and found to be empty, the register standing on zero. Charles W. Decater was appointed Teller by the Moderator, and duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Charles M. Griffin and Edson G. Boynton were also appointed Tellers, and were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Joshua C. Decater also appointed and was duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Leonard W. Wheeler also appointed Teller, and was duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

At the close of the polls the register stood on 193.

No. of names checked on voting list 192.

No. of names checked on Ballot Clerk's list 192.

Whole number of ballots cast (by count) 192.

In one instance the register registered twice with one turn of the crank.

5th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Selectmen, as printed.

6th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, as printed.

7th. Voted, to accept the Report of the School Committee, as printed.

8th. Voted, to accept and adopt the Report of the Trustees of the Town Library, as printed. The Report recommends the raising and appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) for the purchase of books.

9th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, as printed.

10th. Voted, to accept and adopt the Report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, as printed. The Report recommends the raising and appropriating of two hundred dollars in addition to the unexpended balance of the appropriation of last year.

11th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Auditor, as printed.

12th. Voted, to excuse Albert R. Choate and James H. O'Brien from serving as jurors.

13th. Voted, to accept the list of Jurors reported by the Selectmen, as amended above, which list contains the following names: Frank W. Banister, Augustus Bunce, William H. H. Burbeck, George W. Bussey, George F. Carlin, Lewis C. Dane, Francis L. Fletcher, Elbert H. Flagg, Horace E. Gould, Charles M. Griffin, George H. Hartford, Frank C. Hildreth, Melbourne F. Hutchins, Harry L. Nesmith, Houghton G. Osgood, Wilbert E. Parsons, Alvin G. Polley, Hiram Whitney, J. Everett Woods, Hammett D. Wright.

14th. Voted, to raise and appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3000) for the Repair of Roads and Bridges.

15th. Voted, to raise and appropriate forty-eight hundred dollars (\$4800) for Public Schools.

16th. Voted, to raise and appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) for the support of the Poor.

17th. Voted, to raise and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for School Text Books.

18th. Voted, to appropriate the Bank and Corporation Tax to defray town debts and charges.

19th. Voted, to dismiss the 16th article.

20th. Voted, to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500) to repair Schoolhouses and rebuild fences at same, as follows: Centre School, repair chimney, paint inside building, and rebuild fence; Nashoba School, shingle building; Parkerville School, rebuild fence; Minot's Corner School, rebuild fence; Nabnassett School, rebuild

fence and deepen well; Long Sought For School, paint building; Lyon School, rebuild fence. It was also voted that the foregoing appropriation be expended by the School Committee.

21st. In regard to Art. 18, which was "To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same," the Town voted to give such authority to the Town Treasurer.

22d. Voted, to choose all remaining Town Officers, necessary to be chosen, by hand vote.

23d. Chose A. R. Leighton, John M. Fletcher, Leonard W. Wheeler, and Samuel L. Taylor, Field Drivers.

24th. Chose Alvin G. Polley, Lewis C. Dane, and Almon S. Vose, Fence Viewers.

25th. Chose the following persons Measurers of Wood and Bark, and Surveyors of Lumber: Charles L. Fletcher, Gilmer Stone, Thomas E. Symmes, George H. Prescott, W. W. Wyman, G. A. Perham, W. W. Johnson, John A. Healy, Wm. M. Vose, W. E. Parsons, Hammett D. Wright, William C. Edwards, Charles E. Whidden, Horace E. Gould, Thomas Drew, W. O. Hawkes, Minot A. Bean.

26th. Voted, that the disposal of old schoolhouse furniture be left to the Selectmen.

27th. Voted, to rescind so much of the vote passed March 7, 1870, as to printing a full and complete schedule of property at the Poor Farm, as appraised hereafter by the committee appointed for that purpose.

28th. Voted, that the Appraisers of Property at the Town Farm shall have printed in the Town Report each year the amount of hay and other fodder; the number of cows, horses, and other live stock; the amount of fruit and vegetables, and the value of these things. That the appraisal of the household goods shall be printed as one item; that the appraisal of the farming utensils shall be printed as one item, except some of the most valuable ones, which shall be printed as separate items; and that the appraisal of all other property belonging to the Farm shall be printed as one item; and that a detailed schedule of the same be filed with the Overseers of the Poor.

29th. Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to procure seals for the use of the Town.

30th. The votes for town officers were sorted and counted, and the following persons were found to have a plurality of votes and were declared to be elected.

TOWN CLERK—Gilman J. Wright. Sworn by the Moderator.

SELECTMAN—George W. Heywood. Sworn by the Town Clerk.



ASSESSOR—William H. H. Burbeck.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—Alvin G. Polley.

TOWN TREASURER—Nahum H. Wright.

CONSTABLES—Isaac E. Day, Walter C. Wright.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—Walter C. Wright.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Frank H. Hildreth, Alfred Woodbury.

AUDITOR—Arthur B. Plimpton.

TRUSTEE OF TOWN LIBRARY—William E. Frost.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS—Allan Cameron.

The votes on the question of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors were sorted and counted, and the result declared to be as follows:

Yes, seventy (70).

No, one hundred and eight (108).

Blanks, nineteen (19).

31st. Voted, to accept the minutes of the meeting.

32d. Voted, to dissolve the meeting.

J. HENRY READ, *Moderator.*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*



## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 29, 1893.

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House, April 29, 1893, the following business was transacted:

1st. Voted, to choose a Moderator by acclamation.

2d. Voted, not to use the check list during the election of Moderator.

3d. Chose J. Henry Read, Moderator.

4th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Selectmen for widening, straightening, and re-locating the Town Way, from the house of J. W. Day, past the house of T. E. Symmes, to the railroad bridge near the house of Caunter, as petitioned for by Abbot & Co. and others.

5th. Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400) to widen, straighten, and re-locate the Town Way, as petitioned for by Abbot & Co. and others, as reported by the Selectmen.

6th. Voted, to authorize the Selectmen to pay the claim of William Reed against the Town, as presented by him.

7th. Voted, to accept the provisions of Chapter 431, Acts of 1888, relating to the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, and appropriate money therefor.

8th. Voted, to appropriate three hundred and thirty dollars (\$330) for the employment of a Superintendent of Schools.

9th. Voted, that this Town will unite with Groton, Ayer, Littleton, Carlisle, Acton, Concord, Chelmsford, Tyngsborough, Dunstable, Pepperell, Ashby, or Townsend, or any one or more of them, to employ a Superintendent of Schools.

10th. Voted, to authorize the Selectmen to purchase land where needed, for the purpose of enlarging Public Burial Grounds.

11th. Voted, to accept the minutes of the meeting.

12th. Voted, to dissolve the meeting.

J. HENRY READ, *Moderator.*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## STATE ELECTION, NOV. 7, 1893.

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Abstract of the record of the vote of the town of Westford.

Whole number of ballots cast..... 390

**Governor:**

Louis Albert Banks, of Hyde Park.....	9
George H. Cary, of Lynn.....	1
Frederic T. Greenhalge, of Lowell.....	233
John E. Russell, of Leicester.....	138
Blanks.....	9

**Lieutenant-Governor:**

James B. Carroll, of Springfield.....	134
Joseph K. Harris, of Haverhill.....	2
Henry C. Smith, of Williamsburg.....	14
Roger Wolcott, of Boston.....	217
Blanks.....	23

**Secretary:**

James W. McDonald, of Marlborough.....	126
William M. Olin, of Boston.....	226
Samuel B. Shapleigh, of Boston.....	7
Isaac W. Skinner of Waltham.....	5
Blanks.....	26

**Treasurer:**

Wilbert D. Farnham, of Somerville.....	15
Henry M. Phillips, of Springfield.....	219
Squire E. Putney, of Somerville.....	2
Eben S. Stevens, of Dudley.....	130
Blanks.....	24

**Auditor:**

Alfred H. Evans, of Ashburnham.....	14
Boardman Hall, of Boston.....	131
John W. Kimball, of Fitchburg.....	221
Herman J. Koepke, of Pittsfield.....	1
Blanks.....	23

**Attorney General:**

Hosea M. Knowlton, of New Bedford.....	216
Charles S. Lilley, of Lowell.....	135
Daniel Lynch, of Boston.....	1
Robert F. Raymond, of New Bedford.....	11
Blanks.....	27

**Councillor:**

William A. Hyde, of Woburn.....	130
Luman T. Jefts, of Hudson.....	224
Blanks.....	36

**Register of Probate and Insolvency:**

John F. Carroll, of Framingham.....	131
Samuel H. Folsom, of Winchester.....	218
Blanks.....	41

**County Commissioner:**

J. Henry Read, of Westford.....	204
William A. Read, of Lowell.....	146
Brother Buskin.....	1
Blanks.....	39

**Senator:**

Elisha H. Shaw, of Chelmsford.....	230
Charles F. Worcester, of Townsend.....	127
Blanks.....	33

**Representatives in General Court:**

Augustus A. Bickford, of Westford.....	22
George H. Bixby, of Groton.....	194
Albert P. Richardson, of Westford... ..	156
Blanks.....	18

**Constitutional Amendment:**

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, relative to the payment of mileage to members of the General Court, be approved and ratified? Yes, 101; No, 75; Blanks, 214.

**Return of votes for Representative in General Court, for Middlesex District, No. 31:**

	Dunsta- ble.	Groton.	Pepper- ell.	West- ford.	Total.
Augustus A. Bickford, of Westford..	3	7	10	22	42
George H. Bixby, of Groton.....	52	223	333	194	802
Albert P. Richardson, of Westford..	32	91	173	156	452
Charles Jacobs.....		2			2
James Lawrence.....		1			1
Total.....	87	324	516	372	1299

Bixby's plurality, 350.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## LAYING OUT OF TOWN WAY.

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Near the House of T. E. Symmes, as petitioned for by Abbot & Co.,  
and others.

Upon the aforesaid petition, due notice having been given to all persons interested, to meet at the house of T. E. Symmes, to be heard relative to the subject matter, we, the Selectmen of said Westford, having heard all parties interested in the foregoing petition, and having viewed the location of the proposed road, have laid out a Town Way, hereafter described, as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound in wall on old road south of the house of T. E. Symmes, thence on land of T. E. Symmes, North  $41\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ , West on a curve 139 feet, to a stone bound, thence North  $19^{\circ}$ , West  $220\frac{1}{2}$  feet to division wall between the land of T. E. Symmes and M. H. A. Evans, thence 80 feet on land of M. H. A. Evans, to a stone bound in wall on old road, as shown on the plan of T. E. Symmes accompanying this report. Twenty-five dollars (\$25) is awarded to T. E. Symmes for land damage by reason of laying out said Town way. Estimated cost of building said Town way three hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$375).

Said Town way is reported to the Town for their approval and acceptance.

Dated at Westford, Mass., this 21st day of April, 1893.

J. HENRY READ,  
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*

The foregoing report was accepted and adopted at a legal town meeting, held April 29, 1893.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

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## FIRE, DEC. 17, 1893.

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Wooden house and barn, near Minot's Corner, owned by Joel H. Barnard. Unoccupied at time of fire, Mr. Barnard having removed to Lowell about a month before. Value of buildings, \$1500. Insurance on house, \$1200; on barn, \$400; total, \$1600. Cause unknown.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors of the town of Westford submit the following report:

Value of buildings, exclusive of land, May 1, 1893...	\$544,914 00
Value of land, exclusive of buildings, May 1, 1893...	387,995 00
Value of Personal estate, May 1, 1893.....	226,418 00
	\$1,159,327 00

Amount raised for:

Library.....	\$ 150 00	
Burial Grounds.....	200 00	
Roads and Bridges.....	3,000 00	
Schools.....	4,800 00	
Support of Poor.....	2,500 00	
Text-books.....	250 00	
Repair of Schoolhouses.....	500 00	
To widen Road.....	400 00	
		\$11,800 00
State tax.....		1,450 00
County tax.....		1,184 01
Overlayings.....		490 04
Additional taxes.....		18 00
		\$14,942,05

Number of Polls .....	622
Houses .....	465
Horses.....	434
Cows.....	717
Sheep.....	50
Swine.....	42
Fowls .....	6,597
Cattle other than Cows.....	132

Tax on one hundred dollars, \$1.18.



## Property owned by the Town :

Town Hall.....	\$13,500 00
Public Library.....	2,000 00
Town Farm.....	5,000 00
Schoolhouse No. 1.....	3,500 00
2.....	1,445 00
3.....	3,865 00
4.....	1,675 00
5.....	1,800 00
6.....	1,600 00
7.....	1,600 00
8.....	1,200 00
9.....	1,500 00
10.....	5,100 00
Public Burial Grounds.....	1,200 00
Fire Apparatus and Buildings.....	350 00
Public Ground.....	1,500 00
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	\$46,835 00

GEORGE H. HARTFORD,  
 AMOS R. LEIGHTON,  
 W. H. H. BURBECK,

*Assessors of Westford.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WESTFORD, MASS., February 27, 1894.

The treasurer of Westford submits the following report:

### RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand, Feb. 27, 1893 .....	\$ 5,821 82
To cash borrowed .....	11,000 00
From State corporation tax, 1893 .....	2,958 93
bank tax, 1893 .....	637 51
soldiers' families, 1892 .....	1,144 50
indigent soldiers, 1892 .....	99 00
school fund, 1892-93 .....	278 06
county treasurer, 1893, dog tax.....	225 04
J. H. Wilson, janitor Town Hall .....	89 00
A. Fisher, auctioneer's license .....	2 00
Alec Fisher, collector of taxes, 1890 .....	42 98
Alec Fisher, collector of taxes, 1891 .....	179 74
L. E. Day, collector of taxes, 1892 .....	479 20
Walter C. Wright, collector before Oct. 1, 1893..	10,867 51
Walter C. Wright, collector, before Dec. 1, 1893.	787 37
Walter C. Wright, collector, after Dec. 1, 1893...	1,168 04
Alec Fisher, interest on taxes, 1890 .....	2 15
Alec Fisher, interest on taxes, 1891 .....	2 83
Walter C. Wright, interest on taxes, 1893 .....	4 09
income from library funds .....	87 33
M. H. A. Evans, rent of Keyes' pond .....	20 00
Carrie E. Read, catalogue sold .....	25
Carrie E. Read, library fines .....	5 00
gift to library by Mrs. T. H. Elliott .....	5 00
gift to library by Mrs. L. L. Tappan .....	1 00
Henry Chamberlin, use of team .....	15 00
Henry Chamberlin, for hay .....	2 00
Henry Chamberlin, for boards .....	2 40
Thomas Quinn, board of wife at hospital .....	42 50

<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	\$35,970 25
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<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$35,970 25
From Alex. Courtney, license.....	8 00
Mrs. W. E. Frost, on account of Mrs. Vinal's funeral expenses.....	4 50
State treasurer, on account of paupers.....	79 00
City of Lowell, on account of paupers.....	96 00
Selectmen, school furniture sold.....	4 75
Mrs. S. D. Fletcher, for gravel.....	50
J. M. Fletcher, for gravel.....	5 00
J. H. Read, board of John Green.....	108 00
I. E. Day, collector, interest on taxes, 1892.....	9 02
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	\$36,285 02

## PAYMENTS.

By cash, notes, and interest.....	\$10,349 00
State tax, 1893.....	1,450 00
county tax, 1893.....	1,184 01
Overseers of the poor.....	3,415 17
orders for incidental expenses.....	10,856 18
on account of schools.....	6,289 08
on account of library.....	235 62
cash on hand.....	2,505 96
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	\$36,285 02

NAHUM H. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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### COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

#### TOWN TREASURER.

Nahum H. Wright, salary, year ending March 1, 1893 .....	\$50 00	
Time and expense going to Lowell on town business....	4 50	
Salary as Treasurer for Trustees of Public Library for 1889, '90, '91, '92....	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$94 50

#### TOWN CLERK.

Gilman J. Wright, salary.....	\$12 00	
Recording and making returns to Secretary of the Commonwealth of births marriages, and deaths for the year 1892, as follows:		
49 births .....	24 50	
24 marriages.....	3 60	
20 deaths.....	4 00	
30 deaths.....	3 00	
Extra services, before March meeting, 1893 .....	3 00	
Extra services, before Nov. meeting, 1893 .....	1 00	
Attending Town Clerks' meeting at Groton.....	3 00	
Making report to town .....	3 00	
Express for year ending at date.....	4 25	
Stationery and postage.....	2 24	
Use of Telephone.....	15	
Dog license blanks.....	1 00	
Justice fee for administering oath .....	25	
Cash paid for Mass. report.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$66 99

## SELECTMEN.

J. Henry Read, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	10 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$35 00
Sherman H. Fletcher, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Making out monthly State Aid book....	6 00	
Making out 24 State aid and indigent soldiers' returns, under Chaps. 279 and 301, Acts of 1889.....	6 00	
Making out town report.....	10 00	
Time and expense going to Worcester to investigate case of James A. Gra- ham for military aid .....	4 00	
Time and expense perambulating town line between Chelmsford and West- ford. ....	2 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	25 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$83 00
George W. Heywood, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	20 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$45 00

## AUDITOR.

Arthur B. Plimpton, auditing accounts of town officers, 1892.....	\$24 00	
	<hr/>	\$24 00

## ASSESSORS.

George H. Hartford, 30 days taking invoice and making taxes.....	\$75 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, 22 days taking invoice and making taxes .....	55 00	
Amos R. Leighton, 22½ days taking invoice and making taxes.....	56 25	
	<hr/>	\$186 25

## TAX COLLECTORS.

Alec Fisher, collecting \$286.99 at 9 mills, 1890.....	2 58	
Collecting \$620.23 at 1 per cent., 1891..	6 20	
Isaac E. Day, collecting \$479.20 at 1 per cent., 1892.....	4 79	
	<hr/>	\$13 57



## CONSTABLE.

Isaac E. Day, posting warrants for two town meetings .....	\$8 00	
Expense of notifying and collecting dog licenses.....	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$18 50

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Nelson L. Tuttle, attending eight registrars' meetings .....	\$16 00	
Quincy W. Day, attending eight registrars' meetings .....	16 00	
Gilman J. Wright, attending eight registrars' meetings.....	16 00	
Services as clerk of board.....	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$55 00

## BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Harry L. McClusky, teller March, 1893.....	2 00	
A. B. Gould, teller Nov., 1892.....	1 00	
E. G. Boynton, teller March, Nov., 1892, and March, 1893.....	3 00	
C. M. Griffin, teller four meetings.....	4 00	
L. C. Dane, teller Nov., 1893.....	2 50	
J. D. Wilson, teller Nov., 1893.....	2 50	
C. A. Hamlin, teller 1891-93.....	3 00	
A. R. Leighton, teller Nov., 1893; ballot clerk March, 1893.....	3 50	
W. E. Frost, ballot clerk Nov., 1893... ..	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$24 00

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. A. Bickford, salary, winter term, 1892-93.....	\$50 00	
Summer term, 1893.....	50 00	
Supply agent.....	25 00	
Making report.....	10 00	
Making return to State.....	2 00	
Use of team .. ..	3 00	
Time and expense procuring teachers...	4 10	
	<hr/>	\$144 10
E. P. Barker, salary, Supt., Aug. 1, 1893, to Feb. 1, 1894.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	300 00

## UNDERTAKER.

Albert P. Richardson, attending 30 funerals with hearse.....	\$60 00	
	<hr/>	\$60 00

## TRUANT OFFICER.

Eugene DeRoehn, services at truant officer,	\$3 50	
	<hr/>	\$3 50

# REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES AND ARTICLES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

## CENTER SCHOOLHOUSE — TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, broom, coal hod, etc.	\$1 17	
Moss Bros., stove pipe, etc.....	3 00	
H. E. Fletcher & Co., well stone and setting.....	12 65	
	<hr/>	\$16 82

## STONY BROOK SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid Moss Bros., repair of stove.....	\$14 40	
	<hr/>	14 40

## FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOLHOUSE — TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid Eugene DeRoehn, setting glass and repairs .....	\$2 00	
Wright & Bemis, glass, broom, paint, etc.	2 01	
	<hr/>	4 01

## NASHOBA SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, brooms and dipper,	\$ 75	
	<hr/>	75

## PARKERVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid for 1 bottle stove polish.....	\$ 10	
Geo. H. Holt, repair of pump.....	11 00	
H. E. Fletcher, well stone and setting...	13 20	
	<hr/>	24 30

## MINOTT'S CORNER SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid for one broom.....	\$ 35	
	<hr/>	35

## NABNASSETT SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid H. E. Fletcher, well stone.....	\$10 00	
	<hr/>	10 00

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid for broom, etc.....	\$ 94	
	<hr/>	94

<i>Amount carried forward .....</i>		<hr/> \$71 57
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*Amount brought forward*..... \$71 57

LYON SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid Geo. H. Holt, repair of pump.....	\$ 4 25	
H. E. Fletcher & Co., well stone and setting.....	12 65	16 90
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GRANITEVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE—FOUR SCHOOLS.

Paid Wright & Bemis, window shades, etc..	\$16 15	
Duster, paint, etc.....	6 66	
Eugene De Roehn, setting glass and re- pairs.....	3 75	26 56
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		\$115 03

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid Carrie E. Read, services as librarian from Feb. 1, 1893, to Feb. 1, 1894,	\$95 81	
Carrie E. Read for extra work.....	14 55	\$110 36
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TOWN COMMON.

Paid Gilmer Stone, labor, mowing grass.....	\$ 4 00	
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		\$ 4 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Paid express on books.....	\$ 4 55	
A. A. Bickford, express, etc.....	4 25	
C. E. Whidden, freight and express.....	3 19	
J. L. Hammett, books, etc.....	154 06	
Effingham, Maynard & Co., books, etc..	3 50	
Lee & Shepard, books, etc.....	6 25	
Thompson, Brown & Co., books, etc....	4 80	
University Publishing Co., books, etc...	5 03	
Silver, Burdett & Co., books, etc.....	5 00	
D. C. Heath & Co., books, etc.....	38 44	
Boston School Supply Co., books, etc...	35 90	
American Book Co., books, etc.....	83 01	
Prang Educational Co., books, etc. ....	20 16	
Ginn & Co., books, etc.....	17 75	
William Ware & Co., books, etc.....	2 92	
W. M. Sargent, books, etc.....	5 25	
D. Lothrop & Co., books, etc.....	1 60	
Wright & Fletcher, paper, etc.....	1 61	
Abbot & Co., table.....	5 47	
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		\$402 74

# EXPENSE AT FIRST DISTRICT COURT AT AYER— OFFICERS' FEES.

Paid Andrew De Roehn .....	\$ 7 71	
Eugene De Roehn .....	5 14	
J. P. Thacher .....	7 00	
S. H. Balch .....	9 98	
	<hr/>	\$29 83

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid H. Chamberlain, care of horses, Feb., Mar., and April .....	\$19 00	
For transferring property of Road De- partment .....	75	
A. R. Choate, express .....	25	
Mrs. H. Chamberlain, food for election officers, March meeting .....	1 00	
N. L. Tuttle, repair of road scraper, drag, etc., as per bill .....	19 10	
Coggeshall & Piper, engraving for Town Seal .....	8 00	
Two electrotypes .....	1 00	
Two Lever seal presses .....	16 00	
William Reed, stone and labor for town, as per bill paid under vote of town, April 29, 1893 .....	153 00	
2 sections and bolts for road scraper .....	8 50	
Tools for road dept., as per bill .....	18 82	
1 Treasurer's Book .....	4 65	
Stamps for mailing Town Reports .....	13 35	
Postage, stamped envelopes, stationery, etc., for Town Officers, as per bill ..	24 59	
Freight, Express, and Telephone charges	5 39	
Casting for plow and road machine, axes, pails, etc., as per bill .....	19 19	
1 plow for road department .....	6 00	
John Feeney, repair of harnesses, and arti- cles furnished, as per bills .....	27 65	
J. H. Osborn, Veterinary; attending horse .....	21 00	
W. W. Johnson, unloading lumber, etc..	2 50	
Edwin Gould, use of sled .....	4 50	
G. W. Heywood, grain for horses, Feb., Mar. ....	22 60	
J. P. Felch, repairing road, 1891 .....	4 75	
J. T. Colburn, hay for horses, Feb., Mar.,	11 78	
C. F. Keyes, straw .....	5 00	
Edward Defoe, labor cleaning drains ....	3 00	
<i>Amount carried forward .....</i>	<hr/>	\$421 37

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$421 37	
Paid Wright & Fletcher, scythe snaths, nails, powder, etc.....	20 05	
1 Copy Mass. Town Officer.....	4 60	
F. E. Miller, fence irons, drills, etc.....	8 40	
W. C. Robbins, exchange of horse.....	125 00	
Use of horse.....	10 00	
B. V. Wright, use of land for cavalry target practice, 1893.....	5 00	
C. F. Keyes, gravel for roads, 1888 to 1890. Approved by Edward Pres- cott, Supt.....	20 00	
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., returning 33 births, 1892-93, under Chap. 158, Acts of 1883.....	8 25	
B. F. Day, for feed bags, as per bill.....	2 20	
W. J. Gould, shoeing horses, repairing chains, cart, etc., as per bill.....	58 54	
Repair of road machine.....	20 75	
Steel for drills, picks, bars, etc.....	21 28	
1 stone hammer.....	1 59	
Burnham & Davis, lumber for railings..	45 44	
W. R. Carver, damage to team and har- ness on highway.....	22 50	
	<hr/>	\$794 37

## EXPENSE OF TOWN COUNSEL.

Paid Marshall, Hamblet & Burke, legal ser- vices, 1892.....	100 00	
Marshall, Hamblet & Burke, services pre- paring Carville suit vs. Town of Westford, 1892, and services trying the same, and argument before the jury.....	175 00	
To motion for new trial, seeing witnesses, procuring affidavits, and services preparing motion and argument of same.....	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$350 00

## PRINTING.

Paid Vox Populi Press, 650 copies Town and School Reports.....	\$122 50	
Extra copies and list of books for Library.....	6 25	
Envelopes, etc.....	7 65	
Tax Bills and Notices.....	9 75	
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	<hr/>	\$146 15



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$146 15	
Paid Lowell Courier Pub. Co., School Rules..	2 00	
Morning Mail Co., slips for Board of Registrars and Voting Lists...	17 00	
675 ballots and samples.....	10 00	
Campbell & Hanscom, 25 poll tax lists...	8 50	
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, order books.....	9 00	
Assessor's notices.....	1 30	
	<hr/>	\$193 95

## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Paid by order May, 1893.....	\$989 63	
August, 1893... ..	518 17	
November, 1893.....	701 01	
January, 1894.....	230 43	
February, 1894.....	975 93	
	<hr/>	\$3,415 17
Appropriation \$2,500.00 Overdrawn \$915.17		

The Treasurer has received from various sources the sum of \$330 on account of Poor, which will leave amount taken from treasury \$3,085.17.

## TOWN HOUSE.

## EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING, ETC., AND CARE OF SAME.

Paid J. H. Wilson, services as janitor from Feb. 1, 1893, to Feb. 1, 1894.....	\$100 00	
W. W. Johnson, 15,195 lbs. coal.....	49 98	
S. B. Wright, 5 cords wood.....	25 00	
C. E. Whidden, coal.....	1 60	
H. H. Wilder & Co., grate for furnace..	4 50	
Wright & Fletcher, oil, matches, chimneys, etc., as per bill.....	18 07	
J. M. Fletcher, oil, etc., as per bill.....	8 69	
J. H. Wilson, labor on chandelier.....	3 00	
W. C. Edwards, labor and stock for dumb waiter.....	29 01	
M. A. Feeley, repairing plastering.....	14 50	
	<hr/>	\$254 35

## INCOME OF TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of Armory due from State.....	\$175 00	
Received from rent of building.....	89 00	
	<hr/>	\$264 00

On account of an error at the office of State Treasurer, the armory rent has not been received at this time.

## GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

We submit the following report on guide posts and guide boards. New guide boards have been put up at the following places, viz.: Corner of roads near Edwin Gould's, cross roads at house of E. J. Wood, and corner of roads near Amos Leighton's. We would recommend new guide boards in front of Miller's blacksmith's shop. The rest of the guide posts and guide boards are in good condition.

The following amount has been expended:

Paid Berlin Iron Bridge Co., 11 iron guide boards .....	\$ 5 50	
Freight on same .....	75	
	<hr/>	\$ 6 25

## SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

EXPENDED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE BY VOTE OF THE TOWN.

Appropriation \$500.00. Overdrawn \$16.69.

Paid by order, see School Committee's report,	\$516 69	
	<hr/>	\$516 69

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid by order, see Board of Health's report,	\$40 00	
	<hr/>	\$40 00

## PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

Paid by order, see Commissioners' report. . .	\$341 97	
	<hr/>	\$341 97

## INSURANCE.

Paid Arthur Fenner, insurance on school-house at Graniteville, \$3,000 for 5 years.....	\$90 00	
Arthur Fenner, insurance on Town House, \$2,000 for 5 years.....	60 00	
N. W. Norcross & Co., insurance on Town Farm buildings, \$2,425 for 3 years.....	8 08	
	<hr/>	\$158 08

## EXPENSE OF SUIT OF DANIEL AND MARTHA CARVILLE AGAINST TOWN OF WESTFORD.

## SECOND TRIAL.

Paid A. S. Baker, summoning witnesses....	\$13 16	
Smith and Brooks, making plan and court expenses .....	25 00	
Witness fees and expenses.....	56 77	
	<hr/>	\$94 93

## MILITARY AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

*As authorized by Chap. 279, Acts of 1889.*

Paid January.....	\$16 00	
February.....	16 00	
March.....	16 00	
April.....	16 00	
May.....	16 00	
June.....	16 00	
July.....	16 00	
August.....	16 00	
September.....	16 00	
October.....	16 00	
November.....	16 00	
December.....	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$204 00

## STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES.

*As authorized under Chap. 301, Acts of 1889.*

Paid January.....	\$95 00	
February.....	95 00	
March.....	95 00	
April.....	89 50	
May.....	89 50	
June.....	94 50	
July.....	90 50	
August.....	90 50	
September.....	90 50	
October.....	93 50	
November.....	96 50	
December.....	97 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,117 50

## ROAD DEPARTMENT.

In accordance with Chap. 98, Acts of 1889, Benjamin F. Day was appointed Superintendent of Streets. Under his supervision the appropriation was expended as will be seen in the detailed statement. Our town labors under a great disadvantage on account of the hilly formation of its surface and the lack of good material at hand to repair roads with, except in a few localities, and the repair of our highways is becoming a vexed problem in the affairs of the town.

Our clay soil requires good gravel to make a permanent and

smooth road, and the long haul of this material makes a heavy drain on the Appropriation. The use of the road scraper has gone by to a certain extent on our main roads as the material taken from the gutter is not suitable for road purposes, consisting chiefly of wash from the roads, decayed vegetable matter, and loam. The result is that when it rains the road is a *mess of mud* and in dry weather a *blinding dust*. You cannot repair or build good roads out of the gutter, but must use material suitable for road purposes to insure a decent highway. Many of our roads are narrow and contracted, the roadside being lined with brush which continually encroaches upon the traveled part, requiring cutting every few years, besides innumerable stones, some permanent and others dumped into the gutter by careless people, which prevented the water from draining off from the traveled part, and also an expense to the town to cart them off before work could be commenced. We found under a vote of the town passed March 4, 1878, that all persons were forbidden to deposit stones by the roadside unless by permission of the Selectmen. This vote we had printed and posted about town, together with Rule 7 as issued by the Board of Health in regard to throwing refuse upon the streets, which has resulted in much good.

In the early spring a bad washout occurred on the Lowell road near No. 2 schoolhouse, which made the road impassable for some time and necessitated considerable outlay of money to repair it. Besides the ordinary repairs the main road in the north part of the town from Chelmsford line to the Brick Tavern, and thence to Long-sought-for Pond and the road from the Centre towards Forge Village, was widened, the brush cut (leaving suitable shade trees), rocks blasted out, and gutters made suitable to take off the surface water. This will not have to be done again and the repairs will be light in these parts for some time.

At the east part of the town, considerable money was expended gravelling the road on Frances Hill, and by Miller's blacksmith shop, which will be permanent and lasting. The widening and straightening of the road near T. E. Symmes' house near Graniteville was done under a special appropriation, and adds much to the convenience of the public travel. Considerable expense has occurred in renewing railings. Many of the posts and rails have become decayed by age and broken down, requiring new ones to make it safe for public travel. A good deal more will have to be done in this direction another year. A large number of small culverts have been taken up and laid over, and many more remain to be attended to.



During the winter gravel was hauled on to School street, in the center of the town, from the roadside leading from the depot road to the road passing F. W. Banister's, thereby widening that road and at the same time repairing School street. After the snow became too deep for teaming on wheels, and preventing putting material on the roads, gravel was hauled on sleds and dumped by the roadside in the center of the town, which can be used to an advantage in the spring to surface up the uneven places on the streets.

With two pair of horses and men required to work to an advantage, the amount raised in the past will not keep them at work much later than Nov. 1st, and if work is stopped then the team is obliged to be idle until the next spring; which is not for the interest of the town. Under these circumstances it seems that the appropriation ought to be increased another year, if we continue the system we have followed for a number of years.

The fact we have nearly 100 miles of road in town (90 miles, as estimated by Mr. Thomas E. Symmes), with an appropriation of \$3000, gives only an average of \$30 per mile. A small amount when the expense is taken into account of hauling good material. This year we have overdrawn the appropriation to keep the teams at work hauling gravel during the winter, believing it is the sentiment of the town to do so, and the result has been very satisfactory and and of much benefit. The subject of good roads is being agitated in our National and State Legislatures, the press and individuals are continually bringing the matter before the people, and any town that fails to keep abreast of the times will be behind its enterprising and progressive neighbors. Good roads will be in the future a criterion by which a town will be judged of its enterprise and prosperity. We wish every one could read that most excellent book, "The Road and Roadside," by Burton W. Potter, M. A., which treats the subject of roads in such a simple and plain way that can be easily understood by everyone. It gives the law and relation of Public and Private rights to each other so concisely that it ought to be in the hands of every adjoining owner of property and traveller on the highway. We take the liberty to quote a few extracts from it.

Speaking of good roads, it says: "Bad roads have a tendency to make the country disagreeable as a dwelling-place, and a town which is noted for its bad roads is shunned by people in search of rural homes. On the other hand, good roads have a tendency to make the country a desirable dwelling place, and a town which is noted for its good roads becomes the abode of people of taste,



wealth, and intelligence. Hence, it behooves every town to make itself a desirable place of residence; for many people are always puzzling themselves over the problem of where and how to live, and these towns which have their floors swept and garnished, and their lamps trimmed and burning, ready to receive the bride and bridegroom, will be most likely to attract within their borders the seekers of farm life and rural homes. We now live in the city and go to the country; but we should live in the country and go to the city. This is "a consummation devoutly to be wished," but it can never be brought about until good roads connect the cities and villages with the green fields and beautiful scenery of the country. All money and labor expended upon them result immediately in a convenience and benefit to the whole community. Every one should deem it an honor to be able to do anything to improve and beautify the highways of his town." . . . "It is always economy to spend enough to begin with to secure the best results, and it always costs less in the long run. A good road should cost more to build than a poor one, but it is often the case that a poor road costs as much as a good one would." . . . "Good roads attract population, as well as good schools and churches. Good roads improve the value of property, so that it is said a farm lying five miles from its market, connected by a bad road, is of less value than an equally good farm lying ten miles away from the market connected by a good road. A larger load can be drawn by one horse over a good road, than by two horses over a bad one. Good roads encourage the greater exchange of products and commodities between one section and another." . . . "It must be clear to any man with the most ordinary business instincts, that good roads mean thrift, liberality, and wealth. They mean good farms and good value to real estate. They mean that the farmer enjoying their use will save time going over them, will save wear and tear, not only on his wagons but his teams."

In the matter of raising money for next year, we have asked for an increase, as will be seen in the table of estimates, and the taxpayers must decide this question at the annual meeting. We believe we have stated the case fairly, and the money expended during the year has been done judiciously and economically. All these improvements must be necessarily slow, but what is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and the result will be lasting and of much benefit to the town. Herewith we give detailed statement.

## APRIL.

S. B. Wright, hay .....	\$15 96	
George O'Brien, labor.....	1 80	
J. C. Osterhout, labor.....	10 69	
B. F. Day, Supt.....	45 00	
Team.....	41 25	
Board of help.....	15 75	
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	16 50	
H. A. Hildreth, hay .....	26 05	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	16 20	
William Read & Co., labor.....	24 25	
W. W. Johnson, labor.....	8 60	
Charles O'Dell, labor.....	5 25	
James Fraser, labor.....	22 00	
	<hr/>	\$249 30

## MAY.

John W. O'Brien, team and labor.....	\$ 8 60	
Noah Prescott, labor.....	50	
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	36 75	
Charles O'Dell, labor.....	33 75	
Anthony Healey, labor.....	25 50	
F. L. Amisson, labor .....	18 90	
James Fraser, labor.....	27 00	
B. F. Day, Supt.....	45 00	
Team.....	58 75	
Board of help.....	19 20	
Elisha Case, labor.....	33 75	
G. F. Grant, labor.....	4 50	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	17 07	
Geo. W. Heywood, hay and grain.....	11 18	
	<hr/>	\$340 45

## JUNE.

Sears Bros., labor.....	\$ 4 50	
Samuel L. Taylor, gravel.....	7 45	
Anthony Healey, labor.....	16 50	
Charles O'Dell, labor .....	24 00	
B. F. Day, Supt.....	45 00	
Team.....	56 25	
Board of help.....	19 00	
G. F. Grant, labor....	30 75	
Ichabod Grant, labor .....	10 63	
Elisha Case, labor.....	33 75	
F. L. Amisson, labor.....	31 05	
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	33 75	
G. W. Heywood, hay and grain.....	18 49	
	<hr/>	\$331 12
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>		

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$331 12	
William Reed & Co., labor.....	4 00	
C. R. P. Decatur.....	11 00	
James Fraser.....	25 00	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	7 80	
Dualin and fuse.....	31 00	
	<hr/>	\$409 92

## JULY.

Wright & Fletcher, grain .....	\$ 8 60	
F. L. Amisson, labor.....	33 75	
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	37 50	
Ichabod Grant, labor.....	30 00	
B. F. Day, Supt. ....	45 00	
Team.....	62 50	
Board of help.....	19 93	
G. F. Grant, labor.....	37 50	
Elisha Case, labor.....	36 00	
R. C. Whidden, labor .....	1 00	
James Fraser, labor.....	26 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck and others, labor.....	24 50	
Geo. W. Heywood, hay and grain .....	24 72	
	<hr/>	\$387 00

## AUGUST.

Drain pipe, powder and fuse, as per bill....	\$91 46	
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	30 75	
Joseph Perkins, labor.....	11 50	
James Fraser, labor.....	22 50	
Ichabod Grant, labor .....	23 75	
G. F. Grant, labor.....	30 75	
F. L. Amisson, labor. ....	29 70	
H. Hoyt, labor.....	23 50	
Elisha Case, labor.....	36 00	
Fred DeRoehn, labor.....	6 00	
H. E. Fletcher & Co., labor.....	101 10	
B. F. Day, Supt.....	38 00	
Team.....	57 50	
Board of help.....	15 43	
W. H. H. Burbeck, labor.....	16 00	
Geo. W. Heywood, grain.....	17 84	
	<hr/>	\$551 78

## SEPTEMBER.

James Fraser, labor....	\$10 00	
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	15 00	
Joseph Perkins, labor.....	12 00	
G. F. Grant, labor.....	12 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$49 00	

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$ 49 00	
F. L. Amisson, labor.....	6 75	
H. Hoyt, labor.....	15 00	
Ichabod Grant, labor.....	11 25	
Wright & Fletcher, grain and drain pipe....	23 96	
B. F. Day, Supt. ....	17 00	
Team .....	25 00	
Board of help.....	8 90	
W. W. Johnson, team.....	16 00	
John W. O'Brien, labor.....	2 10	
Elisha Case, labor.....	38 25	
Fred DeRoehn, labor.....	36 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, labor.....	7 83	
E. H. Keyes, men and teams.....	173 31	
	<hr/>	\$430 35

## OCTOBER.

J. A. Healey, labor and team.....	\$15 00	
B. F. Day, Supt.....	45 00	
Team .....	61 25	
Board of help. ....	19 95	
James Fraser, labor.....	26 00	
F. L. Amisson, labor.....	33 75	
Elisha Case, labor.....	34 88	
G. F. Grant, labor .....	34 88	
Joseph Perkins, labor.....	35 25	
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	33 00	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	31 95	
	<hr/>	\$370 91

## NOVEMBER.

C. F. Shugrue, gravel.....	\$ 2 25	
Drain pipe .....	15 45	
J. A. Healey, labor and team.....	10 88	
B. F. Day, Supt.....	45 00	
Team.....	53 75	
W. E. Symmes, labor.....	5 00	
F. L. Amisson, labor.....	25 00	
G. F. Grant, labor.....	27 50	
Julian Wilkerson, labor.....	10 63	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	21 45	
Joseph Perkins, labor.....	27 50	
Elisha Case, labor.....	27 50	
	<hr/>	\$271 91

## DECEMBER.

G. F. Carkin, labor .....	\$ 1 00	
Joseph Perkins, labor.....	28 13	
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$29 13	

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$29 13	
F. L. Amisson, labor.....	25 00	
B. F. Day, Supt.....	33 75	
Team.....	41 00	
C. R. P. Decatur, gravel.....	3 15	
C. F. Keyes, gravel.....	50	
Wright & Fletcher, grain .....	23 34	
W. H. H. Burbeck, labor.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$160 87

## JANUARY.

F. L. Amisson, labor.....	\$25 00	
Joseph Perkins, labor.....	28 13	
B. F. Day, superintendent .....	30 75	
Team.....	41 00	
	<hr/>	\$124 88
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		\$3,297 37

Appropriation.....	\$3,000 00
Overdrawn .....	297 37
Amount received for use of team and hay sold,	22 50
Net expense .....	3,274 87

Schedule of property belonging to the Town for use of road department: 2 horses, 1 set heavy harnesses, 2 carts, 5 whiffletrees and chains, 1 evener and spreader, 1 spare horse collar, 4 blankets, 2 surcingles, 1 stone drag, 2 yokes, 1 road scraper, 3 wrenches, 1 wagon jack, 3 chains, 1 stone lifter, straps to lead harness, and hand splice to lead reins, 12 road rakes, 12 shovels, 1 manure fork, 1 hay fork, 2 plows, 11 blasting drills, 4 plug drills, lot of shims and wedges, 2 bush scythes, 1 bush snath, 4 axes, 1 trimming saw, 1 tree trimmer, 4 nose bags, 2 halters, 2 lanterns, 1 oil can, 1 tool box, 1 large hoe, 2 picks, 4 iron bars, 1 hand hammer, 2 striking hammers, 1 stone hammer, 2 drill spoons, 1 curry comb, 2 horse brushes, 10 lbs. dualin, 1 gravel screen.

### WIDENING AND STRAIGHTENING GRANITEVILLE ROAD.

Appropriation, \$400. Unexpended balance, \$16.97.

Paid Thomas E. Symmes, surveying and making plans.....	\$ 3 50
Thomas E. Symmes, land damage.....	25 00
Julian Wilkerson, labor .....	27 75
Joseph Perkins, labor.....	29 75
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$86 00



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$86 00	
James Fraser, labor .....	20 50	
Ichabod Grant, labor .....	20 63	
G. F. Grant, labor .....	27 75	
F. L. Amisson, labor .....	27 00	
H. Hoyt, labor .....	28 25	
Wright & Fletcher, grain .....	13 25	
B. F. Day, Supt. ....	35 00	
B. F. Day, team .....	50 00	
Board of help .....	14 90	
Dualin, powder, etc. ....	15 35	
Town team .....	44 40	
	<hr/>	\$383 03

### BREAKING ROADS.

Owing to the severe snow storms in the months of February and March a large expense was incurred in breaking out the roads throughout the town, and made a heavy drain on the treasury. The town was divided into ten districts, and each district placed in charge of a superintendent. Under their direction the following amounts have been paid :

	District No. 1.	
Paid Henry Chamberlain and others, as per bills .....	\$170 55	
	District No. 2.	
Wallace W. Johnson and others, as per bills .....	200 85	
	District No. 3.	
Samuel H. Balch and others, as per bills, .....	40 36	
	District No. 4.	
Benjamin F. Day and others, as per bills, .....	152 15	
	District No. 5.	
James D. Wilson and others, as per bills, .....	101 63	
	District No. 6.	
Ephraim A. Stevens and others, as per bills .....	65 24	
	District No. 7.	
Wm. C. Edwards and others, as per bills, .....	169 97	
	District No. 8.	
Matthew F. Downs and others, as per bills .....	170 02	
	District No. 9.	
Edwin Gould and others, as per bills...	71 20	
	District No. 10.	
William Reed and others, as per bills...	35 65	
	<hr/>	\$1,177 62

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Barber, Frank, 1890.....	\$2 00
Barlow, James, 1890.....	3 12
Blodgett & McNorton, 1890.....	56
Garcaux, Telisfor, 1890.....	2 00
Heald, Susan A., 1890.....	1 96
Henry, John, 1890.....	2 00
Hood, Gilman A., 1890.....	2 00
Hoyt, Hezekiah, 1890.....	2 00
Hughes, James, 1890.....	2 00
Hughes, Thomas, 1890.....	2 00
Keenan, William, 1890.....	2 28
Marshall, John, 1890.....	2 00
McDonald, Angus, 2d, 1890....	2 00
Olive, Henry, 1890.....	2 00
Orange, Reuben, 1890.....	2 00
O'Toole, Patrick, 1890.....	1 01
Perham, G. A., 1890.....	2 28
Philatro, Eyedan, 1890.....	2 00
Reed, Thomas C., 1890.....	2 00
Sherwood, Alexander, 1890.....	2 56
Smith, J. M., 1890.....	2 00
Whitney, Joseph, 1890.....	2 34
Worrell, William, 1890.....	2 00
York, John, 1890.....	2 00

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Allard, Joseph, 1891.....	\$2 00
Barnes, Samuel, 1891.....	2 00
Bennett, William, 1891.....	2 02
Bradford, Francis I., 1891.....	2 00
Brown, John H., 1891.....	2 00
Carrick, Thomas, 1891.....	2 00
Catchpole, Henry, 1891.....	2 00
Davis, Charles, 1891.....	2 00
Davis, Charles A., 1891.....	2 03
Degan, Robert, 1891.....	2 00
Draper, Alonzo, 1891.....	2 00
Dufort, Ernest, 1891.....	2 00
Dufort, Solomon, 1891.....	2 00
Espensier, Fredrick, 1891.....	2 00
Finch, Thomas, 1891.....	2 00
Finch, Perley K., 1891.....	2 00
Foster, Aaron W., 1891.....	2 00
Gordon, Charles, 1891.....	2 00
Gower, William, 1891.....	2 00
Guago, Joseph, 1891.....	2 00
Hashman, Alexander, 1891.....	2 00

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*Amount carried forward* ..... \$42 05

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$42 05	
Healey, James, 1891 .....	2 00	
Henry, John, 1891 .....	2 00	
Herbert, Jules, 1891 .....	2 00	
Hood, Gilman A., 1891 .....	2 00	
Houler, John, 1891 .....	2 00	
Hughes, James, 1891 .....	2 00	
Jackson, P. F., 1891 .....	2 00	
Johnson, Claus, 1891 .....	2 00	
Johnson, Peter, 1891 .....	2 00	
Jones, Theophilus, 1891 .....	2 00	
Jones, William, 1891 .....	2 00	
Keenan, William, 1891 .....	2 00	
Leathead, Alvin, 1891 .....	2 00	
Leland, Henry, 1891 .....	2 00	
Leland, Hiram, 1891 .....	2 00	
Litchfield, James, 1891 .....	2 00	
McMerriman, Frank, 1891 .....	2 00	
McSuner, Arthur, 1891 .....	2 00	
Mitchel, Jutra, 1891 .....	2 00	
Moran, Joseph, 1891 .....	2 00	
Niberg, Frederick, 1891 .....	2 00	
Noy, George, 1891 .....	2 00	
Page Joseph, 1891 .....	2 00	
Palmer, Neil, 1891 .....	2 00	
Perham, Gardner A., 1891 .....	40	
Peterson, Albert, 1891 .....	2 00	
Polley, George W., 1891 .....	2 00	
Reed, Thomas C., 1891 .....	2 00	
Robinson, Geoffrey, 1891 .....	2 00	
Rogers, Curtis, 1891 .....	2 00	
Shaw, Alvarado, 1891 .....	2 00	
Sherwood, Alexander, 1891 .....	2 16	
Shneider, William, 1891 .....	2 00	
Sim, James A., 1891 .....	2 00	
Spaulding, John F., 1891 .....	2 00	
Spaulding, William W., 1891 .....	2 00	
Swett & Gould, error, 1891 .....	3 72	
Tuttle, Harry, 1891 .....	2 00	
Varrar, Eben, 1891 .....	2 00	
Warner, Sammel, 1881 .....	2 00	
Whitney, Joseph, 1891 .....	2 19	
		\$124 52
Degan, Robert, 1892 .....	\$2 00	
Hill, William, 1892 .....	2 00	
Jackson, P. F., 1892 .....	2 00	
Johnson, Peter, 1892 .....	2 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$8 00	

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$8 00	
Johnson, Claus, 1892 .....	2 00	
Kelley, Perry, 1892 .....	2 00	
Kincede, Albert, 1892 .....	2 00	
Lacouse, Joseph, 1892 .....	2 00	
Laferriere, Charles, 1892 .....	2 00	
Larkin, Patrick, 1892 .....	2 00	
Leland, George A., 1892 .....	2 00	
Leland, Henry, 1892 .....	2 00	
Leland, Hiram, 1892 .....	2 00	
Lincoln, John H., 1892 .....	2 00	
Lowther, Francis, 1892 .....	2 00	
Lovely, Joseph, 1892 .....	2 00	
Magloise, Brodeur, 1892 .....	2 00	
Martin, John H., 1892 .....	2 00	
McAdam, Hugh, 1892 .....	2 00	
McAuley, Peter, 1892 .....	2 00	
McLaughlin, Arthur, 1892 .....	2 00	
McMerriman, Frank, 1892 .....	2 00	
McNeil, William, 1892 .....	2 00	
Milean, Joseph, 1892 .....	2 00	
Moran, Joseph, 1892 .....	2 00	
Mudgett, George S., 1892 .....	2 00	
Nashua, Acton & Boston R. R., 1892 .....	7 00	
Neil, Nelson, 1892 .....	2 00	
O'Brien, James, 1st, 1892 .....	2 00	
Oleary, John, 1892 .....	2 00	
Orange, Abraham, 1892 .....	2 00	
Palmer, Nelson, 1892 .....	2 00	
Palmer, Neil, 1892 .....	2 00	
Parker, Samuel L., 1892 .....	2 00	
Pike, J. R., 1892 .....	2 00	
Price, Charles, 1892 .....	2 00	
Prudent, Peter, 1892 .....	2 00	
Reed, Williard T., 1892 .....	2 00	
Robichand, Zephirin, 1892 .....	2 00	
Robichand, Jeffrey, 1892 .....	2 00	
Rogers, Curtis, 1892 .....	2 00	
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		\$87 00
Anderson, A., error, 1893 .....	\$2 00	
Merrill, George, error, 1893 .....	2 00	
Mudgett, George S., error, 1893 .....	2 00	
Nashua, Acton & Boston R. R., abated, 1893,	8 31	
Perham, Gardner A., error .....	2 00	
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		\$16 31
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		\$275 94
Number of orders drawn on Town Treasurer 334.		
Total amount of orders \$14,271.35.		

## ESTIMATES FOR YEAR 1894-1895.

Town debts and charges.....	\$2,500 00
Highways.....	3,800 00
Support of Schools.....	4,800 00
Support of Poor.....	2,500 00
Library. ....	150 00
Public Burial Grounds .....	300 00
Text-books for Schools.....	350 00
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	\$14,400 00

J. HENRY READ,  
 SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
 GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*



## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE ON RE- PAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

At a Town Meeting held March 20th, 1893, \$500 was appropriated to be expended for repairs on different Schoolhouses, and has been expended for that purpose.

At the Centre Schoolhouse, the chimney was found to be in such an unsafe condition it was thought best to entirely rebuild it, and add additional flues for ventilation. The plaster, which was in bad condition, has been repaired and whitened. An expenditure of \$25.80 was made in preparing for subsequently putting in a furnace, which is much needed, and if this is done the building will not need to be disturbed above the cellar. Window shades were put in the upper room. The fence was rebuilt, and sundry other minor repairs made.

The expense was as follows:

Paid A. L. Brooks & Co., for lumber.....	29 86	
Rollins & Sargent, for mason work.....	36 91	
W. E. Livingston, for brick, cement, and lime .....	16 36	
W. A. Mack & Co., for furnace flues.....	25 80	
Noah Prescott, for stone work.....	2 00	
W. E. Frost, for brick.....	3 25	
For calcimining.....	4 43	
For nails.....	2 58	
For lead.....	1 35	
For freight on materials used.....	1 92	
For teaming on materials used.....	7 84	
For register and ash door.....	2 00	
For blackboard paint.....	50	
For plank and iron work.....	30	
For window shades.....	4 67	
For setting glass.....	1 25	
George Drew, for labor.....	144 46	
	<hr/>	\$285 48
CR.		
By materials sold.....		3 50
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		\$281 98

The Nashoba Schoolhouse has been shingled. The expense was as follows :

Paid A. L. Brooks & Co., for lumber.....	\$60 94	
For freight and teaming on materials...	4 70	
For nails.....	2 00	
For zinc.....	1 31	
For lead.....	32	
For paint. ....	25	
George Drew, for labor.....	32 25	
	<hr/>	\$101 77

At the Lyon Schoolhouse a new fence was built around the premises, the room was whitened, and new window shades provided. The expense was as follows:

Paid A. L. Brooks & Co., for lumber.....	\$41 98	
For freight on lumber and a keg of nails,	1 54	
For teaming.....	3 25	
For nails.....	1 70	
For calcimining.....	3 02	
For window shades.....	6 58	
For labor.....	43 62	
	<hr/>	\$101 69

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By materials sold.....	2 75	
	<hr/>	\$98 94

At the Nabnasset School there has been much complaint that the well is dry much of the time, and when there is water it is often bad and unfit for use. It was thought best to sink a new well in a different location and two attempts were made. The ledge was struck and as it appeared the work would be much more expensive than was anticipated, the work was abandoned and the holes filled up. The expense was as follows:

Paid J. A. Healey, for digging.....	\$34 00	
Total expended.....	<hr/>	\$516 69

ABIEL J. ABBOT,  
GEORGE DREW,  
*Members of School Committee.*

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

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The board of health organized April 1 with J. Henry Read, Chairman; Sherman H. Fletcher, secretary. Julian A. Cameron was appointed Agent for diseases and sanitary condition of the town. Geo. T. Day, Agent for suppression of contagious diseases among domestic animals. Gilman J. Wright, Agent to issue burial permits. Albert P. Richardson was licensed as Undertaker. On May 1, regulations made by the board were issued and a copy sent to each resident of the town as far as known.

In the early spring a slight epidemic of measles occurred, but not of a very serious nature. Late in the fall and winter scarlet fever appeared in the center of the town and vicinity, but of a mild character. The board ordered its Agent to at once quarantine the infected houses, and after the recovery of the patient a thorough fumigation of the premises was given. During the year three deaths occurred from measles, all children. There was one fatal case of typhoid fever at Forge Village. Its source of origin could not be found, as the wells and drainage were found in good condition. Possibly it may have arisen from causes outside of our jurisdiction. One fatal case of membranous croup occurred at Graniteville. The physicians were prompt in notifying the Board of all infectious or contagious diseases, and where quarantine was established we allowed it to remain until the physician in charge of the case notified us that it was unnecessary. Disagreeable as it was to be shut off from their usual freedom, members of the families where these infectious diseases prevailed readily complied with the regulations, and did much to prevent the spread of the disease. Householders do not seem to understand that the law requires them as well as physicians to notify the Board of Health if they are knowing of infectious or contagious disease within their family or house. The law is very plain and a heavy penalty is provided for noncompliance with it.

But two householders have complied with the law the past year. The number of deaths that occurred in 1893 will be found in the Town Clerk's report.

As his report is for the calendar year, not the financial year, the statistics given below are for the same period.

Number of infectious or contagious diseases as reported by the physicians is twenty-six as follows:

Diphtheria .....	1	Deaths, 0
Scarlet Fever .....	8	" 0
Measles .....	15	" 3
Membraneous Croup .....	1	" 1
Typhoid Fever .....	1	" 1
	<hr/> 26	<hr/> 5

The following expense has occurred:

Paid J. A. Downs, labor .....	1 00	
Vox Populi Press, printing regulations, signs, etc .....	23 30	
1 Record Book .....	2 00	
500 stamps for mailing regulations....	5 00	
Ellingwood & Co., $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Sulphur Can- dles .....	1 25	
Wright & Fletcher, 2 doz. Sulphur Candles, C. of Lime, Copperas, etc., as per bill .....	5 45	
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., services and dis- infectants .....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$40 00

J. HENRY READ,  
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
*Board of Health.*

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit their annual report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1894.

### AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE BY APPRAISAL OF THE COMMITTEE.

Feb. 1, 1893.....	\$3,060 25
Feb. 1, 1894.....	3,100 53
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Gain on personal property.....	\$40 28

### RECEIPTS.

Received for milk .....	\$748 24	
potatoes .....	140 30	
hay .....	106 63	
eggs .....	41 82	
use of tools.....	12 20	
labor .....	6 80	
breaking roads.....	40 36	
fowls.....	2 20	
cider .....	4 00	
pork .....	3 19	
calves .....	8 75	
vegetables.....	33 47	
cows .....	41 00	
bull .....	34 50	
sleds .....	15 00	
gravel.....	1 00	
cranberries .....	13 10	
On account of Wilkinson boy.....	11 00	
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		\$1,263 56
For J. Green's board .....	108 00	
For Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Howe's board.....	95 50	
Due from Lowell on account of Mr. and Mrs. Howe .....	31 00	
Received from Orleans on account of I. Gould	11 50	
Received for indigent soldiers.....	200 00	
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		\$446 00
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		\$1,709 56



## PAYMENTS.

Paid for labor.....	\$458 83	
grain.....	463 75	
groceries.....	382 15	
meat.....	102 93	
S. H. Balch's salary.....	400 00	
fish.....	17 12	
blacksmith's work.....	16 10	
phosphate.....	20 90	
grass and garden seed.....	15 42	
shoveling snow.....	9 75	
bed and bedding.....	8 55	
bull.....	18 00	
seedsower.....	7 50	
soap.....	3 90	
fruit trees.....	14 00	
grass.....	25 00	
Lowell Journal ..	1 50	
harness and wheelwright work.....	1 95	
hardware.....	5 53	
clothing for inmates.....	4 25	
box rent.....	40	
coal.....	24 00	
pulley blocks.....	3 95	
suction pump.....	1 50	
ladder and wagon jack.....	2 40	
apples.....	3 00	
sundries.....	6 82	
sawdust.....	1 50	
lamps and dinner bell.....	3 50	
dry goods.....	4 00	
liquor for medical purposes.....	4 10	
tin ware.....	1 92	
cows.....	182 00	
express.....	1 35	
Expense on account of Wilkinson boy.....	7 63	
		<hr/> \$2,225 20

## REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS.

Paid for lumber.....	\$228 85	
blinds.....	27 08	
fixtures.....	8 02	
wall paper.....	3 74	
freight.....	7 33	
painting.....	14 10	
carpenter's work.....	40 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward .....</i>	<i>\$329 12</i>	

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$329 12	
Paid for mason's work.....	3 50	
lime and cement.....	5 95	
paint, lead, oil, and brushes.....	90 51	
nails, glass, and putty .....	18 02	
drain pipes .....	7 25	
	<hr/>	\$454 35
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		\$2,679 55
Deduct, income from farm.....	\$1,263 56	
gain on personal property .....	40 28	
expense of tramps.....	112 00	
cash in S. H. Balch's hands.....	114 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,530 34
Cost of supporting the poor inside the Alms- house.....	\$1,149 21	

## INMATES AT TOWN FARM, FEB. 1, 1894.

John Green.....	Age 75
James McManus.....	" 51
George O. Wright.....	
F. W. Howe.....	" 82
Abby J. Howe.....	" 67
Patrick O'Toole.....	" 87
Catherine O'Toole.....	" 93
Margaret O'Brine.....	" 60
Edward E. Holt.....	" 80
Caroline A. Perham.....	" 70

Average number supported in Almshouse.....	7
Number receiving two meals and lodging.....	447
Number receiving assistance outside Almshouse....	35

## EXPENSE OF THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Dr. J. F. Smith for medical attendance on family of R. Beauford.....	\$20 00	
Caroline Payes .....	15 00	
Joseph Cassidy .....	6 00	
Sarah J. Ingalls .....	32 00	
Mrs. Arthur Lanpron.....	30 00	
G. A. Perham....	2 00	
	<hr/>	105 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....		\$105 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$105 00
Paid Dr. W. J. Sleeper for medical attendance on J. Wilkinson's family....	\$40 40	
W. Piper's family.....	18 50	
Mary Wright.....	32 25	
Mrs. Vinal.....	39 65	
P. O'Toole.....	24 00	
Mrs. Thomas Hughes.....	40 45	
Isaac Gould.....	14 50	
F. Newell.....	43 25	
Mrs. Newell.....	25 00	
J. D. Wilkinson.....	24 00	
Mrs. Collier.....	6 00	
Margaret O'Brine.....	50	
	<hr/>	308 50
Paid Town of Groton for E. Holt and wife..		173 38
Paid City of Lowell on account of Mrs. Casey,	\$24 00	
City of Lowell on account of James Carrigan .....	12 86	
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		\$623 74
Paid D. J. Gallagher for wood for O'Toole family.....	\$4 38	
Wright & Fletcher for groceries .....	36 73	
W. F. Balch for necessities furnished O'Toole family.....	33 01	
	<hr/>	74 12
Paid Mrs. J. Wilkinson .....	\$ 4 00	
J. W. Fletcher for milk .....	7 10	
For dry goods .....	2 64	
W. E. Parsons for meat.....	2 80	
G. F. Carlin for wood.....	10 50	
Wright & Fletcher for groceries.....	34 34	
	<hr/>	61 38
Paid W. W. Johnson for coal for Mrs. Perham.....	\$ 3 38	
J. F. Chandler for wood.....	5 00	
For care of Mrs. Perham.....	3 50	
Dr. Harlow for medical attendance. ....	4 50	
Hammett Wright for groceries furnished,	36 34	
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Paid J. A. Healey for wood furnished I. Gould,	\$3 15	
F. C. Hildreth for milk .....	2 30	
Wright & Bemis for groceries.....	8 49	
	<hr/>	13 94
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....		\$825 90

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$825 90
Paid Ai Bicknell for board of Mrs. Vinal....	\$32 28	
Rev. A. A. Bickford for attending funeral.....	2 00	
Mr. Sawyer for digging grave.....	5 00	
A. P. Richardson for funeral expenses..	17 00	
	<hr/>	56 28
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		\$882 18
Paid Hospital bills for A. H. Woodward, J. W. Raymond, Rufus Keyes, Elizabeth Lord, Lettice Reed, Mary Quinn, and Everett Wayne.....		1,144 27
Paid Marshall & Hall for groceries and rent for Mrs. J. G. Peterson.....	\$9 11	
J. J. Dunn for milk.....	2 28	
	<hr/>	11 39
Paid Edmund Barton for care of J. D. Wilkinson.....		8 00
Paid H. B. Rinter for board of T. Carney...	\$12 00	
T. Carney .....	1 00	
	<hr/>	13 00
Paid for services as Overseers of the Poor:		
H. D. Wright .....	\$10 00	
A. G. Polley.....	10 00	
W. F. Balch .....	10 00	
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Paid W. F. Balch for making out report to State.....	\$ 5 00	
For making out report to Town.....	5 00	
For extra time as Overseer.....	17 00	
For stationery.....	55	
	<hr/>	27 55
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		\$2,116 39
Received from State Treasurer on account of Mrs. Seams.....	\$44 00	
on account of Mrs. Payez and R. Beauford....	35 00	
From Thomas Quinn.....	42 50	
From Mrs. Frost on account of Mrs. Vinal....	4 50	
From town of Tyngsboro' on account of S. J. Ingalls.....	32 00	
From Orleans on account of I. Gould,	39 94	
For goods of Mrs. Perham.....	7 05	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$205 09	\$2,116 39

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$205 09	\$2,116 39
Due from State Treasury on account of Mrs. Peterson.....	11 36	
on account of Mrs. Newell.....	25 00	
Mrs. Lanpron .....	30 00	
J. Cassidy.....	6 00	
F. Newell.....	43 25	
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Expense of outside poor.....		<hr/> \$1,795 79

## STATEMENT.

Cash received from Town Treasurer.....	\$3,415 17	
Received from other sources.....	279 96	
	<hr/>	\$3,695 13
Paid for outside poor.....	\$2,116 39	
Payments at Farm.....	2,679 55	
	<hr/>	\$4,795 94
Receipts at Farm.....	\$1,263 56	
In hands of Supt. of Almshouse.....	42 56	
	<hr/>	\$1,306 12
		<hr/> 3,489 82
		\$205 31
Cash in hands of Supt. of Almshouse.....	\$114 50	
Cash in hands of Overseers.....	90 81	
	<hr/>	\$205 31

W. F. BALCH,  
H. D. WRIGHT,  
A. G. POLLEY,  
*Overseers of the Poor.*



# APPRAISAL OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY

AT ALMSHOUSE IN WESTFORD, MASS., JAN. 27, 1894.

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13 cows.....	\$520 00
2 horses.....	225 00
1 bull.....	18 00
45 fowls.....	22 50
20½ tons English hay.....	369 00
4½ tons stock hay.....	56 00
3 tons oat fodder.....	50 00
15 tons ensilage.....	75 00
Grain.....	20 00
6 harnesses.....	40 00
4 plows.....	25 00
Whiffletrees, neck yokes, and evener.....	11 50
Mowing machine.....	15 00
1 express wagon.....	15 00
1 milk wagon.....	10 00
1 hay wagon.....	35 00
1 farm wagon.....	30 00
1 sleigh.....	10 00
1 horse rake.....	15 00
1 wheel harrow.....	20 00
2 dump carts.....	70 00
1 ensilage cutter.....	35 00
1 2-horse sled.....	40 00

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\$1,727 00

Balance of personal property in barn and out buildings.....	482 40
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\$2,209 40

## IN HOUSE.

110 bushels potatoes.....	\$82 50
Turnips, beets, and cabbage.....	52 00
80 gallons old cider.....	16 00
2 bbl. cranberries.....	8 00

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<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	\$158 50	\$2,209 40
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$158 50	\$2,209 40
6 bbl. onions.....	15 50	
50 lbs. butter.....	13 62	
175 lbs. salt pork.....	22 75	
700 lbs. fresh pork.....	46 00	
1 bbl. kerosene and barrel.....	4 50	
200 lbs. sugar.....	9 50	
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ bbl. flour.....	8 75	
30 lbs. lard.....	3 60	
Fresh beef.....	14 00	
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	\$296 72	
Balance of personal property in house.....	594 41	
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		\$891 13
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Total.....		\$3,100 53

W. H. H. BURBECK,  
 NOAH PRESCOTT,  
 SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,  
*Appraisers of Property.*

## REPORT ON CEMETERIES.

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The Commissioners of Public Cemeteries have proceeded in the work of improving burial grounds on the lines laid down in the last annual report. Further repairs of walls and fences have been made, and much labor has been spent in resetting headstones. The foundations of the hearse-house in the East Cemetery have been rebuilt, and the house and the fence, and gates near it, have been painted. The work on the Willard Hall lot has been completed, and the outer walls of a tomb in the West Cemetery have been relaid. A portion of the easterly corner of the East Cemetery has been laid out in burial lots, and avenues have been located. Other repairs and improvements are sufficiently indicated in the statement of expenses appended to this report.

The work thus far done must be considered as preliminary to the greater and more conspicuous improvements yet to be made.

During the ensuing year much labor should be expended on the walks and avenues; the older parts of the grounds, now rough and unsightly, should be ploughed, fertilized, and sown to grass. The planting of shade trees and ornamental shrubs should be commenced as soon as the avenues are graded and the ground prepared. The bank wall of the East Cemetery needs to be pointed; and the tomb, now leaky on account of defective masonry, must be thoroughly repaired.

The Commissioners will employ competent men to take care of lots if desired by owners to do so, and will expend as directed any sums of money paid to them for this purpose.

It is gratifying to note the increase of interest in the improvements thus far made. The movement on the part of the town has received the support and cordial sympathy of all, and has encouraged many to bestow time and labor in beautifying the lots where friends or relatives are buried. Others have voluntarily con-

tributed money to be spent in caring for lots, or for the repair of tombs.

If this co-operation of the town and of individuals continues, our Burial Grounds will soon lose all appearance of neglect and unsightliness, and become creditable to the good taste and thoughtfulness of our people.

In order to carry on the work as above indicated, we recommend that the sum of three hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,

ALLAN CAMERON,

WILLIAM E. FROST,

*Commissioners of Public Cemeteries.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury.....	\$150 40
Appropriation, March, '93.....	200 00
H. Mills, for hay.....	10 00
Edw. Prescott, for repairing tomb.....	2 50
Noah Prescott and Mrs. Hiram Whitney, for repairing tomb.....	2 50
A. F. Conant, for repairing tomb.....	2 50
C. L. Fletcher, for work on Goodhue lot.....	25
J. D. Morse, for work on lot.....	50
S. M. Hutchins, for loam.....	1 00
Mrs. J. O. Kidder, for work on lot.....	4 00
Thomas Drew, for work on lot.....	1 00
Total .....	<hr/> \$374 65

### EXPENSES.

Wright & Fletcher, paint stock, tools, etc.....	\$30 74
G. W. Heywood, cement, etc.....	4 00
G. F. Millis, work in W. Cemetery.....	2 50
W. H. H. Burbeck, work in E. and W. Cemeteries.....	57 60
Hugh Mills, work in E. Cemetery.....	95 90
H. H. Mills, work in E. Cemetery.....	51 78
T. C. Reed, work.....	14 25
J. Gould, stone work.....	8 37
F. Sears, mowing, N. Cemetery.....	6 00
Amount carried forward.....	<hr/> \$271 14

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$271 14
W. W. Johnson, work with team .....	18 38
J. T. Colburn, work in W. Cemetery .....	8 00
S. M. Hutchins, lumber .....	75
T. E. Symmes, locating lots and drawing plan .....	17 00
W. E. Frost, acc't book, receipts, and stationery .....	2 55
H. E. Fletcher, granite and work, Hall lot .....	13 00
Sears Bros., work in N. Cemetery .....	9 75
A. Pratt & Co., lumber .....	1 40
<hr/> Total .....	<hr/> \$341 97
Balance unexpended .....	\$32 68

## TRUST FUNDS HELD FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS.

Sally Burrill Fund .....	\$100 00
Interest to June, '93 .....	4 37
<hr/> Total .....	<hr/> \$104 37
Stone Fund .....	100 00
Interest to May, '93 .....	5 08
<hr/> Total .....	<hr/> \$105 08



## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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GRANITEVILLE, MASS., March 1, 1894.

GENTLEMEN:—In conformity with the requirements of my duty, I have made a careful and systematic examination of the accounts of Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Master of the Almshouse, and Town Treasurer, for the financial year ending March 1, 1894, and beg herewith to submit the following report:

### TAXES.

The amount of taxes assessed on the polls and on the real and personal estate, within the Town of Westford, for the year 1893, which I found by a thorough inspection of Tax Collector's book, and as submitted to you in my report of July 18, 1893, was as follows, viz:

Number of polls, 622, at \$2.00 each.....	\$ 1,244 00
Tax on personal property.....	2,671 73
Tax on real estate .....	11,008 32
Total .....	<hr/> \$14,924 05
Number of polls added since my report of July 18, 9 at \$2.00 each .....	18 00
Total tax levy for 1893.....	<hr/> \$14,942 05

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

Year.	Collector.	Amount due March 1, 1893.	Paid to Treasur- ers since March 1, 1893, including abatements.	Amount due March 1, 1894.
1890	Alec Fisher,	\$ 272 42	\$ 62 29	\$210 13
1891	Alec Fisher,	580 53	222 37	358 16
1892	Isaac E. Day,	1,334 49	566 20	768 29
Total amount of uncollected taxes for the years 1890, 1891, and 1892.....				\$1,336 58

I charge Collector Walter C. Wright with the total tax levy for 1893, which was.....	\$14,942 05
For interest collected since Jan. 1, 1894.....	4 09
Total amount.....	<u>\$14,946 14</u>

And give him credit for amounts as follows, viz:

For amount collected Oct. 1.....	\$10,867 51	
Five per cent. discount allowed tax pay- ers on taxes paid on or before Oct. 1,	571 92	
Amount collected Dec. 1.....	787 37	
Three per cent. discount allowed tax payers on taxes paid on or before Dec. 1.....	24 35	
Amount collected since Dec. 1.....	1,168 04	
Interest collected .....	4 09	
Rebate of taxes and taxes ordered as errors .....	16 31	
	<u>13,439 59</u>	
Total amount of uncollected taxes for the year 1893 .....		\$1,506 55

## SUMMARY.

Uncollected taxes, 1890.....	\$ 210 13
Uncollected taxes, 1891.....	358 16
Uncollected taxes, 1892.....	768 29
Uncollected taxes, 1893.....	<u>1,506 55</u>
Total amount of uncollected taxes March 1, 1894.....	\$2,843 13

I would commend the efficiency and accuracy of Walter C. Wright, collector. I made three separate and distinct examinations of his collections, and found them absolutely correct.

On examination of the accounts of the Town Clerk, I find the number of dogs licensed for the year ending Nov. 29, 1893, was 128.

Total amount of license fees was.....	\$265 00
Total amount of Clerk's fees was.....	25 60
Balance paid to county treasurer, as per his vouchers...	<u>\$239 40</u>

I found proper vouchers for the 334 orders drawn by the Selectmen on the Town Treasurer.

Examination of the accounts of the Master of the Almshouse shows the balance on hand March 1, 1893 to be .....	\$ 42 56
Receipts from all sources for year ending March 1, 1894, .....	<u>2,358 69</u>
Making a total of.....	\$2,401 25
Total expenditures for the year ending March 1, 1894..	<u>2,286 75</u>
Balance on hand March 1, 1894.....	\$114 50

Inspection of the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor shows balance on hand March 1, 1893 was .....	\$ 97
Receipts from all sources for year ending March 1, 1894, .....	<u>3,694 16</u>
Making a total of.....	\$3,695 13
Total expenditures for the year ending March 1, 1894...	<u>3,604 32</u>
Balance on hand March 1, 1894.....	\$90 81

The accounts of Overseers of the Poor and Master of the Almshouse were properly vouched and neatly kept.

Audit of the accounts of the Town Treasurer shows:

The balance in the Treasury, March 1, 1893, was.....	\$ 5,821 82
The amount received into the Treasury during the year ending March 1, 1894, was. ....	<u>30,463 20</u>
Making a total of.....	\$36,285 02
The amount paid from the Treasury during the year ending March 1, 1894, was .....	<u>33,779 06</u>
The balance in the Treasury, March 1, 1894, was.....	\$2,505 96

Every item paid from the Treasury was properly vouched, and all accounts of the Treasurer were kept in a very methodical manner, showing a perfect system of book-keeping.

## FINANCIAL.

The financial condition of the town, March 1, 1894, as taken from the Treasurer's books and other sources, is as follows, viz:

## LIABILITIES.

Note First National Bank, Lowell .....	\$8,000 00
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## RESOURCES.

Due for State Aid to Soldiers' families .....	\$1,117 50	
Due for Military Aid to indigent soldiers....	102 00	
Taxes of 1890, remaining uncollected .....	210 13	
Taxes of 1891, remaining uncollected .....	358 16	
Taxes of 1892, remaining uncollected .....	768 29	
Taxes of 1893, remaining uncollected .....	1,506 55	
Balance of cash in the Treasury .....	2,505 96	
Balance of cash in hands of Overseer of the Poor .....	90 81	
Balance of cash in hands of Master of the Almshouse .....	114 50	
Rent of Armory, due from State .....	175 00	
	<hr/>	6,948 90
Balance against the Town .....		<hr/> \$1,051 10

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR B. PLIMPTON, *Auditor.*

To Messrs. J. HENRY READ,  
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*

## LIST OF JURORS, 1894.

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The following names will be reported at the Annual March meeting to be placed in the jury box, subject to revision by the Town:

ABIEL J. ABBOT.  
FRANCIS W. BANISTER.  
EDSON G. BOYNTON.  
AGUSTUS BUNCE.  
WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK.  
GEORGE W. BUSSEY.  
GEORGE F. CARKIN.  
ARTHUR H. COMEY.  
LEWIS C. DANE.  
FRANK C. DREW.  
CHARLES EDWARDS.  
ALEC FISHER.  
ELBERT H. FLAGG.  
J. WILLARD FLETCHER.  
HORACE E. GOULD.

CHARLES M. GRIFFIN.  
EDWIN E. HEYWOOD.  
FRANK C. HILDRETH.  
HARRY L. NESMITH.  
WILBERT E. PARSONS.  
ALVIN G. POLLEY.  
NOAH PRESCOTT.  
THOMAS E. SYMMES.  
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.  
LEONARD W. WHEELER.  
HIRAM WHITNEY.  
ALFRED WOODBURY.  
J. EVERETT WOODS.  
HAMMETT D. WRIGHT.  
WILLEY M. WRIGHT.

J. HENRY READ,  
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,

*Selectmen of Westford.*



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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MIDDLESEX SS.

*To ISAAC E. DAY, one of the Constables of the Town of Westford in said County,*

GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday, the nineteenth day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at eight o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at 8.15 o'clock A. M., and closed at one o'clock P. M.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2d. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 3d. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, for one year; one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Trustee of the Public Library, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, all for three years; Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two Constables, and one Auditor, all for one year; also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.

- 8th. To hear the report of the Trustees of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for Town debts and charges.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for Public Schools.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money for Support of Poor.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for School Text Books.
- 17th. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time to meet the demands on the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 18th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, and act in relation to the same.
- 20th. By request of the Veteran Association, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 21st. By request of Julian A. Cameron and others, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to lay a new floor in the upper hall in the Town House, and act in relation to the same.
- 22d. By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to purchase a furnace for the schoolhouse in the Centre of the town, and act in relation to the same.
- 23d. By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to repair and paint schoolhouses and repair school-house fences, and direct under whose supervision the amount shall be expended, and act in relation to the same.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this first day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

J. HENRY READ,  
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
*Selectmen of Westford.*

## **LIBRARY REPORT.**

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The Trustees of Westford Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 27, 1894:

There is perhaps nothing of special moment in regard to the Library which the Trustees need to recommend at the present time. During the past year the Library has continued, as always before, its important work in educating, broadening, and entertaining our citizens. All know that the demand for accommodations of greater convenience and greater safety increases with each year, and all believe that the time is not far distant when Westford will proudly and gladly take steps to provide a special building for the needs of the Library.

Each year our Library is more and more used by scholars, and the Trustees realizing this fact take pains that it shall not only be richer in the number of books added annually to its shelves, but that a fair proportion of the money spent shall be spent for books of permanent value which shall decidedly increase its intrinsic worth. With this object in mind the Trustees have added quite largely to the reference department. Among these books they would like particularly to call attention to "Poole's Index," a work of special value to be found in all good libraries and of the first importance to students of any subject; also, to a six volume edition of the "Cyclopædia of American Biography"; to an "Index to General Literature" in one volume; and to "Chambers' Book of Days" in two large illustrated volumes.

They would also like to call the attention of readers to one of the most entertaining and instructive departments in the Library, and which is too often overlooked, that of the Miscellaneous department. Many of the books of greatest interest to the general reader it is found difficult to harmonize with any special class and they are consequently placed in a class by themselves, and are often

neglected, or regarded as unimportant, because so generally classified, but many not in the habit of examining this department would be surprised at the interesting books to be found here.

Many valuable and instructive works have also been added, as will be seen by the catalogue, to the Scientific, Historical, and Biographical departments. The Fiction department needs no word from the Trustees, as they feel sure all will examine that for themselves. The Children's department has received a generous addition of books, many of which are by authors whose names are sufficient guaranty of their worth.

The Library is indebted for gifts to the following persons: Mr. Charles L. Hildreth for a volume of biographical sketches of Massachusetts men, called "Massachusetts of To-day"; to Mr. Steven Salisbury of Worcester for "Worcester's Columbian Tribute"; to Mrs. J. D. Morse for "Conversations on the Bible"; to Mr. Wilton L. Richardson of New York for "Psychic Phenomena"; to Mr. John M. Fletcher for sixty-nine copies of R. B. Thomas' Almanac, from 1817-1892, lacking only six numbers of being a continuous set; to Gen. J. P. Cilley for a pamphlet; to Gen. Adelbert Ames for a pamphlet; to Mr. George J. Burns for copy of address; to Mr. Foster for school report; to Mr. Warren Hapgood for History of Harvard.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand April 1st.....	\$ 6 88
Shoe and Leather Bank dividend.....	5 00
Appropriations .....	150 00
Lowell M'f'g Co. dividend.....	20 00
City Inst. for Savings dividend .....	58 33
Shoe and Leather Bank dividend.....	4 00
Gift of Mrs. T. H. Elliott.....	5 00
Gift of Mrs. L. L. Tappan.....	1 00
Library fines .....	5 00
Dog tax.....	225 04

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\$480 25



## PAYMENTS.

C. E. Whidden.....	\$ 4 40
Estes & Lauriat.....	2 00
C. E. Whidden.....	75
D. Appleton & Co.....	5 00
W. E. Frost.....	2 00
Willard Small.....	34 75
C. E. Whidden.....	2 75
Estes & Lauriat.....	134 24
F. J. Barnard & Co.....	36 08
C. E. Whidden.....	1 10
Arthur E. Day.....	3 75
Chas. B. Botsford & Co.....	5 00
Estes & Lauriat.....	3 80
Cash to balance.....	244 63
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	\$480 25

Estes & Lauriat's bills unpaid \$202.06.  
Balance unexpended \$42.57.

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Number of books purchased.....	292
Public documents received from the State.....	16
Public documents received from the United States.....	8
Volumes presented.....	4
Number of pamphlets added.....	40
Whole number of books added during year.....	320
Whole number of books in Library.....	7,824
Number of books issued.....	8,551
Number of books lost.....	3
Number purchased to replace worn-out copies.....	19

As the Trustees have been seriously incommoded in years past by the lack of funds between the Annual Town Meeting in March and the time in the late summer or early autumn when the regular appropriation may be drawn upon, they have purposely left in the treasury a sum somewhat larger than heretofore to meet demands for books which come out during the spring and summer.

We recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of books during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

KATE S. HAMLIN,

WILLIAM E. FROST,

MARGARET A. O'NEIL,

*Trustees of Westford Public Library.*

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1894.

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LOWELL, MASS.

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1893-94.

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A. J. ABBOT, Chairman . . . .	Term expires 1894
A. A. BICKFORD, Secretary . . . .	" " 1895
ALFRED WOODBURY . . . .	" " 1896
A. R. CHOATE . . . .	" " 1895
FRANK HILDRETH . . . .	" " 1896
GEORGE DREW . . . .	" " 1894



# REPORT.

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## *Fellow Citizens and Friends:*

The School Committee organized at the first meeting of the year, March 31, 1893, by the choice of A. J. Abbot chairman, and A. A. Bickford secretary. Mr. Bickford continued to act as superintendent during the first or summer term. It seemed wise to the Committee, in view of the great inducements held out by the State and the earnest recommendations of the leading educators of the country, that Westford should enter into arrangements with other towns for the employment of a superintendent. At a meeting of the Town early in the summer the necessary votes were passed empowering the Committee to bring about a union of towns for this purpose.

A desirable opening was at once presented, and at a joint meeting of the Committees of Ayer, Littleton, and Westford, it was voted to obtain the services of Edmund P. Barker, of Ayer, as superintendent of schools for the three towns. His term of office for Westford began with July 1, 1893. The Committee are well pleased with his work, and believe that the benefits of his skilled and systematic supervision will appear in the year to come more manifestly than they could do in this, the first season he has served with us.

Perhaps some persons may not understand the charges for the superintendent's salary which will appear in the Treasurer's report. It will there appear that \$300 has been paid by this town previous to the present time. Let it be explained that at the end of one year with the superintendent, there will be a rebate paid us from the State treasury, and that two thirds of this sum will be returned to Westford with the condition that it shall be added to the school funds.

It will be observed that the cost of the school supplies has again overrun the appropriation. Looking backward over the year's

work we do not see how this could well be avoided. A large case of chalk crayons and one of slate pencils, probably sufficient for several years to come, was purchased that we might take advantage of wholesale rates. Some new arithmetics, primary histories, and books for supplementary reading have been introduced also, but all seemed to be demanded for the best interests of the schools. There are many new subjects which are taught and which must be taught in our schools unless we are willing to be left far behind the great advance that is going on in the education of the youth of our country. There are many improved appliances, some of which can not be dispensed with. Nothing will be taken up without a careful weighing of the benefits as against the costs, but it seems to us that the appropriation for supplies must be made somewhat larger than in the past few years. We believe, however, that with the constant oversight and careful keeping of records, which will be possible with our superintendent's help, losses by carelessness will be very small indeed.

The Superintendent's Report will show the condition and needs of our schools as seen by him, and will, we trust, receive the careful attention from all our citizens which it deserves. These remarks, with all the matter relating to our schools, are most respectfully submitted.

A. J. ABBOT,  
A. A. BICKFORD,  
ALFRED WOODBURY,  
A. R. CHOATE,  
FRANK HILDRETH,  
GEORGE DREW,

*School Committee.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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Whole amount of school money.....	\$5,135 45
Paid teachers' wages .....	\$4,271 50
For fuel, care of houses, etc.....	769 02
On hand .....	94 93
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	\$5,135 45
Due teachers, not yet paid, about .....	\$123 50
Due janitors, not yet paid.....	15 00
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	\$138 50
Paid for books and supplies .....	\$402 74

A few bills not yet settled which may increase this amount to about \$425.

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## REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

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Cases investigated.....	5
Brought to trial.....	0

A. R. CHOATE,  
WILBUR PARSONS,  
EUGENE DEROEHN,

*Truant Officers.*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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*To the School Committee of Westford:*

GENTLEMEN,—My first annual report is herewith respectfully submitted, treating upon the following topics: Superintendent's Work, Attendance, Employment of Children, Schools and Teachers, Course of Study, Teachers' Meetings, Northwest Middlesex Teachers' Association, and Recommendations for Improvement. Following this is the Roll of Honor, a List of Teachers, and the Table of Statistics.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S WORK.

The Superintendent's field of labor comprises the schools of Westford, Ayer, and Littleton; the last named receiving one-fifth of his time and service, the others two-fifths each.

Every third week the Superintendent has spent in the Westford schools, usually visiting two schools each half-day and holding a teachers' meeting on Thursday afternoon. The time of the six days and evenings not spent in school visiting and in teachers' meetings has been devoted, with scarcely an exception, wholly to school work:—to planning courses of study, preparing examinations, arranging for teachers' meetings, visiting schools in other towns, organizing and attending conventions of teachers and Superintendents, conducting a large correspondence, and, in general, serving the interests of the schools in every direction as circumstances would allow.

The work of the Superintendent who is in the town but one-third of the school time differs necessarily from that of a local Superintendent. The law nowhere specifies what these duties are, save as to signing "age and schooling certificates," but leaves them to be adjusted in each town by the Committee and Superintendent. The

experience of towns which have had district supervision for some years is gradually revealing certain fundamental and economic principles, gaining wider recognition each year, in accordance with which the relations of Committee and Superintendent come to be adjusted, and the school work best promoted.

A large part of the duties of the School Committee as provided in the Statutes may be classified under the following heads:

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|--------------------|---|---|
| I. PROPERTY . .    | { | <i>Ordinary Repairs.</i><br><i>Janitor Service.</i>   |
| II. PUPILS . . . . | { | <i>Attendance.</i><br><i>Classification.</i><br><i>Health.</i><br><i>Discipline.</i>        |
| III. INSTRUCTION.  | { | <i>Supplies.</i><br><i>Books.</i><br><i>Methods.</i><br><i>Studies.</i><br><i>Teachers.</i> |

These duties are both of a legislative and an administrative nature. The Committee legislate exclusively. In matters of administration they share with the Superintendent, naturally expecting most help from him in matters of instruction, and least as to school property. All of these matters, however, have a direct influence upon the kind and amount of education received by the pupils, and so become of interest to the Superintendent.

*The full Committee*, among their numerous duties, elect teachers, fix their compensation, decide upon text-books, appoint a supply agent and truant officers, vote repairs, and make rules for the management of the schools. They also designate certain of their members to act as sub-committees in those parts of the town in which they severally reside.

*The Sub-Committeeman* has general care of the school property in his part of the town. The teacher may refer to him in emergencies for advice in matters relating to the care of the school property, the admission of pupils, their attendance, health, and discipline. In case of the sickness of the teacher he may provide a substitute.

*The Superintendent* regularly examines the school premises, making suggestions as to their condition. He encourages regularity and promptness of attendance and co-operates with the truant officers to



secure it. He classifies pupils according to their advancement and, with the approval of the Committee, makes the promotions from grade to grade. He advises as to the kinds of supplies needed for the schools. New text-books are introduced only upon his approval. He prepares a course of study for use in the schools with the approval of the Committee. In teachers' meetings he explains the course of study and good methods of teaching. In his visiting from day to day he observes the success of the teachers with their classes and suggests possible improvements. He guides the teachers in their visiting other schools. He aids the Committee in the selection of suitable teachers, the Committee giving him the privilege of nominating teachers to them for election. He studies educational history and educational problems in general and in detail. By his acquaintance with the citizens of the town, and in his annual reports, he endeavors to interest the public in the welfare of the schools, exhibiting their present condition and suggesting means for their improvement.

With the generous freedom accorded me by your Committee upon taking up the work in Westford, it has been quite natural that my efforts should follow in the same directions outlined above.

#### ATTENDANCE.

Special effort has been made to improve the promptness and regularity of attendance, and it is believed with valuable results, for whatever increases the attendance by so much enhances the power of the schools for good. At the end of each month reports of attendance from the different schools have been compared and the school having the highest standing has received a banner bearing the inscription, "Best School in Attendance." During the five full months the schools have been in session since Sept. 1st, this banner has been assigned twice to the Parkerville School, and once each to the Long-sought-for, Lyon, and Forge Village Grammar Schools. The heroic efforts made by those whose names are on the roll of honor, and of a great many others, deserve high commendation.

The law of the State requires thirty weeks of attendance by all children between the ages of eight and fourteen. This attendance ought to be continuous, beginning with the first day of school in the year and continuing through the first and second terms and far enough into the third term to complete the required thirty weeks. Considering that our school-year contains but thirty-four or thirty-

five weeks, and the frequency with which sickness obliges children to be absent, it becomes evident that every pupil should attend every day, as far as possible, even to comply with the law, until the thirty weeks of attendance have been actually recorded.

The registers furnished by the State this year contain a new rule to the effect that the time lost by each pupil by reason of tardinesses and dismissals shall be recorded, and that when these amount to one hundred and eighty minutes they shall count the same as one-half day of absence. From this it follows that when necessarily tardy or dismissed the pupil should make the time lost as little as possible.

The table of statistics found at the end of this report contains much information of interest. A slight increase is shown in several respects. The whole number of pupils is four hundred and forty-five, ten more than last year. The average membership is three less, the average attendance three more. The per cent. of attendance, based on average membership, is consequently larger, ninety-one per cent. This may be due to the application of the new rules in the register for computing attendance, or to greater effort on the part of pupils.

The number of tardinesses is eight hundred thirty-six, or two and one-half for each pupil. This is less than in Ayer last year, but more than in Littleton, where it was less than one for each pupil. Doubtless our schools can improve in this respect another year.

The number of dismissals, six hundred thirteen, indicates a serious interruption to the school work. Parents should ask to have their children dismissed as seldom, and for as short a time, as possible.

The number of visits made by the public, seven hundred thirty-eight, is creditable, and a source of profit to the schools, of which we invite a still larger measure.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN.

Following is given a brief statement of the law in relation to the employment of children. Chapter 348 of the Acts of 1888, as amended, provides that:

I. No child *under thirteen* years of age shall be employed at any time in any factory, workshop, or mercantile establishment, or in any indoor work for wages while the public schools are in session.

II. No child *under fourteen* years of age shall be employed in any manner before six A. M., or after seven P. M.; nor in any

manner during school hours, unless during the year next preceding such employment he has attended school at least thirty weeks.

III. No child *over thirteen and under fourteen* years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop, or mercantile establishment except during vacation, or in any indoor work for wages during school hours, unless his employer procures and keeps on file an employment ticket, and a certificate as required by law, stating that the child has attended school thirty weeks during the year next preceding such employment, and can read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language.

IV. No child *over fourteen and under sixteen* years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop, or mercantile establishment unless his employer procures and keeps on file an employment ticket and certificate, as required by law, stating the age of the child.

To obtain a certificate the child procures from his prospective employer an "Employment Ticket" in which the employer states his intention to employ the child. This is brought to the Superintendent of Schools, or someone whom he may designate, before whom the parent or guardian of the child certifies under oath to the facts stated in the certificate. The Superintendent of Schools signs the certificate. The child carries it to his employer.

Mr. Alfred R. Choate has been designated by the Superintendent of Schools to sign "Age and Schooling Certificates" in the Town of Westford for the current school year.

#### SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

The usual number of schools, fifteen, has been maintained, the most of them with unquestioned success. Sickness and resignations, however, have caused interruptions in a few schools, in spite of our best efforts to keep them supplied with suitable teachers.

Eleven of the teachers of a year ago are now serving in our schools, faithful and ambitious for success. The others have brought to their work a commendable degree of devotion and industry. All have labored conscientiously, and with such good results as their several abilities and environments would permit.

The importance of the teacher cannot be over estimated. The appropriations of money made by the town, the care exercised by the committee, the assistance brought within the teacher's reach by the Superintendent, all depend upon her for their effectiveness. To meet adequately the responsibilities of her position she should be well educated in High School or Academic studies, she should have Normal training, and some successful experience. A student of



good methods, she should be interested in her pupils, be willing to take suggestions, and skilful in incorporating improvements into her work.

The large degree to which our teachers have possessed some or all of these qualifications among others has determined the value of their teaching, has furnished the opportunity for the Superintendent to help them, and contributed much to the pleasure with which my labor has been performed.

#### COURSE OF STUDY. •

A course of study was placed in the teachers' hands in September, similar to that in use in Ayer and Littleton, but modified so as to include two years' work in each department, the first and second years forming the D department, the third and fourth years the C, the fifth and sixth the B, the seventh and eighth the A. Not a list of books and pages, but rather topics orderly arranged, with statement of principles and methods, accompanied by references to teachers' helps.

This course of study has furnished the basis for the work in our teachers' meetings, for the tests given by the Superintendent, for the regular half-term examinations, and for the grading of the pupils into the different departments, according to their ascertained advancement in studies.

Some of the principles recognized in making up this course of study are that the practical must receive most attention, that the child must be brought to see and understand before he is required to memorize, and that many topics, usually left for the last years of school life, may be introduced profitably much earlier, using abundant illustration and small numbers. For example, fractions and decimals are introduced in the third year, percentage in the fourth, mensuration and interest in the fifth.

#### TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

These have been held regularly three times a term, and have proved an invaluable means for prosecuting our work. The course of study has been explained, good methods have been discussed and illustrated by class exercises, educational literature distributed, and the school work unified. The regularity of teachers in their attendance has been uniform, except where the great distance and bad weather combined have made it imprudent for two or three to attend.

## NORTHWEST MIDDLESEX TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The teachers of this town joined with those of Acton, Ashby, Ayer, Boxboro', Dunstable, Groton, Littleton, Pepperell, Shirley, Stow, and Townsend, in the formation of a teachers' association in this part of Middlesex county. The first meeting was held at Ayer on Nov. 17. Representatives from ten of these towns took part, Miss Drew worthily representing Westford on the programme. The Secretary and Agents of the State Board of Education were present and took part in the exercises. Competent judges pronounced the meeting one of unusual merit and profit. Certainly it has not been my privilege heretofore to witness so much of inspiration in school work follow upon any like gathering.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

Having presented above something of the present condition and working of the schools, it only remains to indicate, in a few words, some ways by which the schools may be improved.

In general it may be said that our schools suffer from the remoteness of their location, the small number of pupils attending, and the low wages paid the teacher. For each of these reasons it becomes more and more difficult to secure suitable teachers. Better inducements are offered by towns elsewhere, in which the conditions of school life are being improved, and, if we are even to hold our own, improvements are necessary on our part.

In these "hard times" it is not recommended that an increase in the appropriations for school purposes be made. Such an increase will be desirable, however, upon the return of business prosperity, and should then be made. What can we do better with our present resources?

I. The remoteness of the schools accounts in part for their small attendance, and a small school labors under serious and inevitable disadvantages. It requires as much time to teach a class of two as one of ten, as much fuel to keep them comfortable, as much education for the teacher, as much of the Superintendent's time to visit the school, and all for results quite disproportionate. Other towns in the state are experiencing this same waste of money and energy, and are considering a lessening of the evil. The only "remote" school in Ayer may soon be brought to the village. Littleton spent in 1892-3 the sum of \$433.00 for transportation of pupils from



three out districts, almost precisely one-half of what the teachers' wages would have been. Add to this the saving in fuel, in janitor service, repairs on three school buildings, and it will appear that from five hundred to six hundred dollars must have been saved. The Superintendent, too, must have spent at least one third of his time in traveling to and from these small schools, with correspondingly brief or infrequent visits. Whether economy or efficiency be considered the more important, in either case the answer is, transport the pupils.

Upon this subject Agent Fletcher, of the Board of Education, writes: "The small size of many rural schools is one of the most serious obstacles to success. Teachers and pupils find difficulty in maintaining an interest in the exercises. The increased expense of educating each child renders the employment of inefficient teachers probable. The town that has one hundred pupils in four schools can afford to have much better buildings, appliances, and teachers than the town that scatters its one hundred children among ten schools. There must be concentration of schools to insure more efficient work; and conveyance of pupils is the only solution of the problem at present known."

It is therefore recommended that a beginning be made in this matter; that one or two small schools be closed, say those at Minot's Corner and the Lyon district, the pupils in the first case being transported to the Centre, and those from the Lyon district brought to Graniteville. Some \$250 or \$300 ought to be saved in teachers' wages above the cost of transportation.

2. The school year should be lengthened to thirty-six weeks.

3. The wages of the teachers should be increased in all except the small and remote schools.

Almost if not the entire expense contemplated in the second and third recommendations may be met by the money saved by carrying out the first recommendation. As a result those of our present teachers whose services are very acceptable will be induced to retain their positions longer; while they do remain, evidences of appreciation will give new zest to their labors; and when vacancies shall occur it will be possible to secure better talent than could otherwise be obtained.

#### IN CONCLUSION.

To the Committee my thanks are due for the cordial manner in which they have supported and assisted me in my work.

The teachers have made me feel so heartily welcome, have exhibited so genuine an interest in their work, and been so willing to receive suggestions as to lay me under great obligations to them.

Let us hope that much of the seed sown may have been vitalized by the Spirit of All Fruit, Truth, and that He may give a large harvest in the true and ennobled lives of the children.

EDMUND P. BARKER,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

## ROLL OF HONOR.

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The figures denote the number of terms neither absent nor tardy during the year.

### CENTRE GRAMMAR.

Ruth Tuttle, 1.  
Fred Farrar, 1.  
Willie Millis, 3.  
Alberta Wilson, 2.  
Annie Harris, 1.  
Frank Wright, 1.  
Albert Harris, 1.  
Albert Taylor, 1.

### CENTRE PRIMARY.

Aaron Tuttle, 1.  
Charlotte Prescott, 2.  
Elsie Wilson, 1.  
Robert Prescott, 1.  
Allan Whitney, 1.

### STONY BROOK.

Fannie Banister, 1.  
John Taylor, 3.  
Luanna Decatur, 1.  
Henry Decatur, 1.

### FORGE VILLAGE GRAMMAR.

William Morton, 1.  
Charles Connell, 1.  
Edward Hanley, 2.  
John Bennett, 1.  
Lillie Boufford, 1.  
Emily Catchpole, 1.  
Albert Gurney, 1.  
Beverly Morton, 1.

### FORGE VILLAGE PRIMARY.

Willie Boufford, 1.  
Eugene Connell, 1.  
Joseph Connell, 1.  
Annie Catchpole, 2.  
Hudson Darling, 1.  
Leo Shortsleve, 1.  
Alice Berry, 1.

### NASHOBA.

Charles Cann, 2.  
John Hutchinson, 1.  
Willie McDonald, 1.  
Minnie Richardson, 1.  
Myrtie Richardson, 1.

### PARKERVILLE.

George Butterworth, 1.  
Edith Seifer, 1.  
Ethel Adams, 3.  
May West, 1.  
Ethel Woodbury, 1.  
Edwin Giles, 1.  
Everett Giles, 1.

### MINOT'S CORNER.

Hattie Stephan, 1.  
Willie Bicknell, 2.  
Freddie Bicknell, 1.  
Nattie Whitney, 1.  
Lula Barnard, 1.  
Arthur Barnard, 1.

## NABNASSET.

Elmer Trull, 3.  
 Willie Edwards, 1.  
 Alma Agnew, 1.  
 Nellie Taylor, 1.  
 Charlie Trull, 1.  
 Herbert Ingalls, 2.  
 Harry Ingalls, 1.

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR.

Nellie Burke, 3.  
 Julia Burke, 3.  
 Katie Burke, 2.  
 Lena Shugrue, 1.  
 Leonard Dane, 3.

## LYON.

Joseph Couture, 1.  
 Edwin Gould, 3.  
 George Couture, 1.  
 Lewis Couture, 1.  
 Thomas Couture, 1.  
 Charles Couture, 1.  
 Alexander Couture, 1.

## GRANITEVILLE GRAMMAR.

Della Blodgett, 1.  
 Hattie Sargent, 1.  
 Annie Davie, 3.  
 Daniel Harrington, 1.  
 Fred Reed, 3.  
 Willie Hemen, 1.  
 Mabel Moran, 1.  
 Hannah Riney, 1.  
 Timothy Riney, 2.  
 Fred Dow, 1.  
 Thomas Larkin, 1.

## GRANITEVILLE INTERMEDIATE.

Clarence Murphy, 2.  
 Marcia Healy, 1.  
 Walter Dow, 1.  
 Anna Harrington, 1.  
 Susie Healy, 1.  
 John Daly, 2.  
 Hezekiah Hoyt, 1.  
 Ellsworth York, 1.

## GRANITEVILLE B. PRIMARY.

Angelina Default, 1.  
 Katie Leland, 1.  
 Willie Petherick, 1.  
 Charlie Dow, 1.  
 Alice Sheahan, 1.  
 Austin Healy, 1.

## GRANITEVILLE A. PRIMARY.

Frank Charlton, 1.  
 Willie Wall, 1.  
 Elmer Dow, 1.  
 Arthur Callahan, 1.  
 Cornelia Kierstead, 1.  
 Edward Riney, 1.  
 Lena Greenberg, 1.  
 Frank Bennett, 1.  
 George Petherick, 2.  
 Willie Murphy, 2.  
 James Haley, 1.  
 John Cristie, 1.

# LIST OF TEACHERS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	WHEN APPOINTED.	WHERE EDUCATED.	SALARY.
Centre Grammar.....	A. Mabelle Drew.:	Sept., 1890.....	Bridgewater Normal, 1890.....	\$9 00
Centre Primary.....	{ Lila C. Fisher .....	April, 1888.....	Westford Academy.....	9 00
	{ Fannie Prescott.....	April, 1892.....	Westford Academy.....	
	{ Meta J. Fiske.....	Dec., 1889.....	Lowell High School, 1888.....	
Stony Brook.....	{ Grace C. Litchfield.....	April, 1893.....	Westford Academy, 1892.....	8 00
	{ Amy C. Carter.....	Sept., 1893.....	Clinton High School, 1893.....	
Forge Village Grammar.....	{ Georgie E. Decatur.....	April, 1887.....	Lawrence Academy, 1886.....	9 00
	{ Flora A. Whitcomb.....	April, 1890.....	Stowe High School, 1886.....	
Forge Village Primary.....	{ Mabel L. Baldwin.....	Sept., 1891.....	Worcester Normal, 1891.....	9 00
	{ Alice J. Bunce.....	Sept., 1892.....	Worcester Normal.....	8 00
Nashoba.....	Caroline E. Hewett.....	May, 1872.....	Townsend Fen. Seminary.....	8 00
Parkerville.....	E. Grace Butterfield.....	April, 1892.....	Framingham Normal, 1888.....	8 00
Minot's Corner.....	Julia M. Chamberlin.....	Jan., 1893.....	Westford Academy, 1892.....	8 00
Nabasset.....	Lizzie A. Winship.....	Sept., 1874.....	Framingham Normal, 1874.....	8 00
Long-Sought-For.....	{ Lillian B. Hammond.....	Dec., 1892.....	Green Mountain Seminary, '90 }	8 00
	{ Mary E. Hilton.....	April, 1893.....	Hingham High School, 1892.. }	
	{ Annie F. Dower.....	Sept., 1893.....	Lowell High School.....	8 00
	{ Annie M. Robbins.....	April, 1893.....	Stow High School, 1892.....	8 00
Lyon.....	{ Edna J. Whitcomb.....	Sept., 1893.....		
	{ Lillian B. Hammond.....	Jan., 1894.....		
Graniteville Grammar.....	Issie A. Parker.....	April, 1885.....	Westford Academy, 1881.....	9 00
" Intermediate.....	Annie E. Wilson.....	Sept., 1889.....	Westford Academy, 1888.....	9 00
" B. Primary.....	{ Blanche M. Craven.....	Sept., 1891.....	Westford Academy, 1891.....	9 00
" A. Primary.....	{ Mabel L. Baldwin.....	Jan., 1894.....		
	{ Annie Carmichael.....	Sept., 1891.....	Westford Academy, 1891.....	9 00





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## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1894.

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### TOWN CLERK.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT.

### SELECTMEN.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, <i>Chairman</i> , . . .	Term expires March, 1895
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD, . . . . .	Term expires March, 1896
JULIAN A. CAMERON, <i>Sec.</i> , . . . . .	Term expires March, 1897

### ASSESSORS.

GEORGE H. HARTFORD, <i>Chairman</i> , . . .	Term expires March, 1895
WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK, . . . . .	Term expires March, 1896
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR, . . . . .	Term expires March, 1897

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

WAYLAND F. BALCH, <i>Chairman</i> , . . .	Term expires March, 1895
ALVIN G. POLLEY, . . . . .	Term expires March, 1896
HAMMETT D. WRIGHT, <i>Sec.</i> , . . . . .	Term expires March, 1897

### TOWN TREASURER.

NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

### COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

WALTER C. WRIGHT.

### AUDITOR.

ARTHUR B. PLIMPTON.

### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

TRUE A. BEAN.

### REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

OSCAR R. SPALDING, . . . . .	Term expires April 30, 1895
NELSON L. TUTTLE, <i>Chairman</i> , . . . . .	Term expires April 30, 1896
QUINCY W. DAY, . . . . .	Term expires April 30, 1897
GILMAN J. WRIGHT, <i>Clerk, ex-officio</i> .	

### SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

BENJAMIN F. DAY.

### INSPECTORS OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

GEORGE T. DAY.

ALBERT P. RICHARDSON

The foregoing officers have all been sworn. Of the following, only those marked by a star.

#### CONSTABLES.

\*ISAAC E. DAY.

ARTHUR WRIGHT.

#### FIELD DRIVERS.

A. R. LEIGHTON.

LEONARD W. WHEELER.

JOHN M. FLETCHER.

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.

#### FENCE VIEWERS.

\*ALVIN G. POLLEY.

LEWIS C. DANE.

ALMON S. VOSE.

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ALBERT R. CHOATE,	. . . .	Term expires March, 1895
AUGUSTUS A. BICKFORD,	. . . .	Term expires March, 1895
FRANK H. HILDRETH,	. . . .	Term expires March, 1896
ALFRED WOODBURY,	. . . .	Term expires March, 1896
*ABIEL J. ABBOT, <i>Chairman</i> ,	. . . .	Term expires March, 1897
*WALTER J. SLEEPER, <i>Sec.</i>	. . . .	Term expires March, 1897

Mr. Bickford resigned early in the year, and Mrs. Alta M. Taylor was appointed to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term, and was duly sworn. No oath was required of members elected prior to 1894.

#### MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK AND SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

CHARLES L. FLETCHER.

GILMER STONE.

\*THOMAS E. SYMMES.

GEORGE H. PRESCOTT.

\*W. W. JOHNSON.

W. W. WYMAN.

MINOT A. BEAN.

\*JOHN A. HEALY.

W. E. PARSONS.

WILLIAM M. VOSE.

WILLIAM C. EDWARDS.

HAMMETT D. WRIGHT.

\*HORACE E. GOULD.

CHARLES E. WHIDDEN.

W. O. HAWKES.

THOMAS DREW.

#### WEIGHERS OF COAL.

\*C. E. WHIDDEN.

\*JOHN A. HEALY.

\*J. M. FLETCHER.

MINOT A. BEAN.

\*E. H. WHIDDEN.

HENRY HEALY.

No oath is required of the remaining officers.

#### MEASURER OF GRAIN.

W. H. H. BURBECK.

#### TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

KATE S. HAMLIN,	. . . .	Term expires March, 1895
WILLIAM E. FROST,	. . . .	Term expires March, 1896
MARGARET A. O'NEILL,	. . . .	Term expires March, 1897

#### LIBRARIAN.

CARRIE E. READ.

## COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

WILLIAM E. FROST,	. . . . .	Term expires March, 1895
ALLAN CAMERON,	. . . . .	Term expires March, 1896
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,	. . . . .	Term expires March, 1897

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

THE SELECTMEN, *ex-officio*.*Agents of Board:*

JULIAN A. CAMERON, to look after the sanitary condition of the Town.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, to issue burial permits.

GEORGE T. DAY, for suppression of contagious diseases among domestic animals.

## POLICE OFFICERS.

EUGENE DE ROEHN.	SAMUEL H. BALCH.	JOSEPH H. WILSON.
WILBERT E. PARSONS.	SANFORD KIERSTEAD.	

## FIRE WARDS.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER.	WILBERT E. PARSONS.
JOHN A. HEALY.	

## FOREST FIRE WARDS.

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD.	EDWARD PRESCOTT.
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## AGENT FOR BURIAL OF DECEASED SOLDIERS, ETC.

GEORGE T. DAY.

## UNDERTAKER.

ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

## JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

JOSEPH H. WILSON.

## APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

NOAH PRESCOTT.	W. H. H. BURBECK.	SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.
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# BIRTHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1894.*

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Feb. 22,	Archibald, Jessie Currie.....	Wm. A. and Margaret (Currie).
Aug. 7,	Bicknell, Leroy Everett.....	Chas. H. and Almada (Grey).
April 19,	Blaisdell, Frank Leslie.....	Alvin J. and Elizabeth A. (Hutchins).
Feb. 15,	Blodgett, Marion Louisa.....	Arthur T. and Emily (Weaver).
March 11,	Brown, Annie Frances.....	Ephraim Reed and Mary E. Brown.
Jan. 10,	Callahan, Paul Eleon.....	John F. and Annie (Bradley).
Aug. 19,	Campling, John Wm.....	John W. and Mary M. (Whigham).
May 5,	Cann, Fannie May.....	Charles W. and Mary E. (Fisk).
April 5,	Connell, Catherine May.....	John H. and Margaret E. (Coughlin).
Oct. 19,	Courtney, Alexander George.....	Alexander and Mary (Barlow).
Sep. 15,	Field, Mae Louise.....	Adelbert L. and Gertrude L. (Hunter).
July 13,	Flagg, Morris Stillman.....	Elbert H. and Lucy (Warren).
April 18,	Gilson, Lester Abel.....	Elmer A. and Alice L. (Agnew).
June 11,	Gustafson, Harold Timar.....	Erik Wm. and Ida (Johnson).
Oct. 8,	Hanson, Victor George.....	Martin and Sophia M. (Thorbjorullon).
Sep. 7,	Healy, Francis Sullivan.....	John A. and Elizabeth (Sullivan).
Dec. 27,	Healy, Mary Ellen.....	William J. and Ellen (Dunn).
Jan. 30,	Johnson, Bertha Wilfred.....	Wm. R. and Inez A. (Cordingley).
Sep. 14,	Leland, George R.....	Leroy B. and Ellen (Griffin).
Aug. 6,	Leland, Mary Ella.....	George A. and Mary (Griffin).
Jan. 25,	Libby, Vera Estelle.....	Charles J. and Kate B. (Libby).
March 9,	Loftus, Mabel Anna.....	John and Ellen (Curren).
May 7,	Lord, Philip David.....	David A. and Ada (Bishop).
June 27,	Lorman, Bessie Wildred.....	John E. and Carrie E. (Atherton).
Nov. 17,	Matson, Anna Lyti.....	Anty and Hilda (Pekkole).
Oct. 21,	Mattson, Lily Laura.....	John and Emma (Carlson).
July 4,	McDonald, Norah.....	Joseph and Nellie (Sullivan).
Dec. 6,	McLenna, Clara Edna.....	Alvin A. and Lillian P. (Spaulding).
Aug. 24,	Monahan, John Carroll.....	John J. and Eva M. (McEnaney).
July 26,	Orr, Robert James.....	Robert and Jennie (McMurray).
Jan. 23,	Phillips, Ensly Allen.....	Mathew D. and Lillian A. (Bragdon).
Sep. 19,	Quist, Edith Amelia.....	Axel F. and Annie A. (Alhborg).
Sep. 14,	Rockwell, Lawson Webster.....	Guy L. and May B. (Bicknell).
Sep. 21,	Sanborn, Mabel B.....	George L. and Maggie (Mellor).
June 16,	Shattuck, Walter Benjamin.....	David H. and Ada F. (Stanley).
M'y 13, '93	Shugrue, Mary Hannah.....	Chas. F. and Rosa (Rushworth).
May 15,	Taylor, George Frederick.....	John P. and Fanny (Tyler).
June 27,	Trott, Laurence Taft.....	Chas. H. and Cora Inez (Taft).
March 20,	Verville, Joseph Henry.....	Alcide and Annie (Rabicho).
May 10,	Wall, Jeannette May.....	Joseph and Maria A. (Agnew).
June 7,	Whitney, Harry Arthur.....	George H. and Ida (Woodman).
April 18,	Whitney, Minnie Adelaide.....	Julian and Sarah (Gray).
April 7,	Wilkerson, Louis.....	Julian and Rachel E. (Hoyt).
Dec. 20,	Wood, Chester Edward Wood.....	Edward C. and Mary (Hartley).
March 1,	Woodward, Carroll May.....	George W. and Lucy E. (Whitney).

Whole number recorded, 45; number born in 1894, 44; males, 23; females, 21, American parentage, 17; foreign parentage, 12; American father and foreign mother 8; American mother and foreign father, 7.

Corrections of last year's report: The first name of E. A. Hamlin's child is Everett instead of Edward. The second name of the Walkden child is Halden instead of Haldon.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

# MARRIAGES

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1894.*

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Nov. 10, '04,	Amission, Frederick L.....	35	Westford.....	England.....
June 7, '03,	Darling, Alice A. (Drew).....	39	".....	New Brunswick...
Oct. 14, '04,	Cameron, Donald M.....	20	".....	Westford.....
Sep. 16,	Fiske, Meta J.....	22	Lowell.....	Anoka, Minn.....
	Comey, Arthur H.....	31	Westford.....	Westford.....
	Mellor, Susannah.....	24	".....	England.....
	Cyr, Joseph H.....	28	".....	Fortan, N. Y.....
	Brussard, Sophia.....	23	Nova Scotia.....	Nova Scotia.....
June 2,	Dane, Joseph A.....	23	Westford.....	Westford.....
	Wood, Sarah.....	21	".....	England.....
Jan. 4,	Fletcher, Harry N.....	29	".....	Westford.....
	Sargent, Dora B.....	25	Lewis, N. Y.....	Lewis, N. Y.....
Apr. 4,	Jones, Theophilus.....	24	Westford.....	Lancashire, Eng...
	Bennett, Emily.....	23	".....	Yorkshire, Eng...
June 16	Kyle, Samuel.....	25	Worcester.....	Ireland.....
	Stirk, Mary Ann.....	19	Westford.....	England.....
Mar. 7,	MacGregor, George Henry.....	48	".....	Lubeck, Me.....
	Trull, Maggie J. (Marshall).....	46	".....	St. Johns, N. B.....
June 30	Odell, William F.....	30	".....	New Brunswick...
	Melvin, Emma.....	20	".....	New Brunswick...
Dec. 5,	Osgood, Houghton Gilbert.....	35	".....	Westford.....
	Brown, Susan A. (Carruthers).....	18	".....	Boston.....
July 26,	Palmer, Harris N.....	21	Salem, N. H.....	Nova Scotia.....
	Hodgman, Mary E. (Butterworth).....	28	Westford.....	Westford.....
Dec. 25,	Parmenter, Frank Willis.....	29	".....	Waltham.....
	Fletcher, Ada Lulu.....	24	".....	New Ipswich, N. H.
Nov. 29,	Richardson, Leroy W.....	25	".....	Concord, N. H.....
	Harris, Euphemia.....	19	".....	Westford.....
Apr. 11,	Sullivan, James.....	39	".....	".....
	Daly, Mary Ellen.....	28	".....	".....
Dec. 18,	Wilson, James David.....	25	".....	".....
	Goings, Lillian Belle.....	17	Townsend.....	Townsend.....
Dec. 12,	Wilson, John Hamilton.....	21	Chelmsford.....	Chelmsford.....
	Fletcher, Edith Marion.....	21	Westford.....	Westford.....
June 20	Woodbury, Edgar Harvey.....	23	".....	Littleton.....
	Turner, Edith Elizabeth.....	20	Littleton.....	England.....
	One omitted.....	20		

Number of marriages recorded.....	19	American groom and foreign bride.....	4
Number solemnized in Westford.....	6	American bride and foreign groom.....	2
Westford grooms.....	16	Second marriage of groom.....	3
Westford brides.....	14	Second marriage of bride.....	3
Between Americans.....	8	Solemnized by Westford clergymen.....	3
Between foreigners.....	5	Solemnized in 1894.....	18

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*



# DEATHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1894.*

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Ys.	Ms.	Ds
July 13,	Amission, Louise Ann (Hartley)—wife of Frederick L.....	21	10	13
Aug. 29,	Bean, ————son of Minot A. and Clara (Locke).....	..	..	..
July 21,	Blaisdell, Ada May—dau. of Ervin A. and Mary A. (Cordick).....	..	..	..
Jan. 24,	Boucher, Amos Joseph—son of Joseph and Marie (Durowe).....	..	7	9
Mar. 23,	Brown, Frank Joseph—son of Joel and Lucy S.....	55	7	10
Jan. 30,	Burbeck, Josie (Walker)—wife of Wm. H. H.....	50	3	15
May 1,	Burke, Elizabeth A.—dau. of Dennis and Abby (Whorley).....	17	9	15
Oct. 17,	Carpenter, Dorothy—resident of Concord, N. H.....	..	..	..
Oct. 21,	Carpenter, G. Rebecca F. (Hamlin)—resident of Concord, N. H.....	23	9	8
Oct. 3,	Caunter, Emery T.—resident of Newton.....	17	8	1
Oct. 15,	Caunter, George W.—son of John W. and Elizabeth (Mann).....	26	8	9
Oct. 8,	Caunter, Herbert S.—son of John W. and Elizabeth (Mann).....	14	1	22
Feb. 14,	Caunter, Lorenzo Arthur—son of John W. and Elizabeth (Mann).....	10	1	12
Feb. 27,	Comey, Elmira (Hayden)—widow of William S.....	69	6	12
April 24,	Cutter, Asaph B.—son of John and Mary (Prescott).....	72	10	24
May 4,	Default, Elizabeth (Lebrun)—wife of Edward.....	41	..	..
March 27,	Driscoll, Cornelius J.—son of Timothy and Mary (O'Brien).....	21	7	27
May 13,	Farrow, Lydia R. (Coleman)—wife of George M.....	42	..	5
May 3,	Fletcher, Miletta Louisa (Wilder)—wife of J. Willard.....	29	..	11
Feb. 25,	Fosdick, ————dau. of Wm. H. and Mary E. (Clourtt).....	..	..	..
May 11,	Gilson, Lester Abel—son of Elmer A. and Alice L. (Agnew).....	..	..	23
March 31,	Haley, Mary (Doyle)—wife of John.....	60	..	..
March 6,	Hartford, Mary S.—dau. of George H. and Lizzie (Morse).....	..	2	7
April 2,	Hildreth, Julian—son of Amos and Martha (Parker).....	41	5	17
Aug. 20,	Horan, Thomas—son of Timothy and Bridget (Kenney).....	77	..	..
Sep. 24,	Leland, George R.—son of Leroy B. and Ellen (Griffin).....	..	..	10
Nov. 24,	Leland, Mary Ella—dau. of Geo. A. and Mary (Griffin).....	..	3	18
April 9,	McCarty, Julia Frances—dau. of Dennis and Ellen (Lennon).....	21	10	5
June 27,	McLenna, Edward Warren—son of Alvin and Lillian P. (Spaulding).....	..	8	17
Jan. 8,	Moriarty, Michael J.....	93	11	29
April 7,	O'Brien, Charles Augustine—son of John M. and Honora (Foley).....	13	..	2
Oct. 14,	Parker, Harriet A. (Higgins)—wife of Frederick J.....	54	10	7
Dec. 12,	Perham, Gardner A.—son of Allen R. and Caroline A. (Weston).....	42	6	2
March 23,	Precious, Caroline Familia (Levitt)—wife of William.....	47	..	..
Feb. 1,	Provost, Catherine O.—dau. of Joseph and Mary (Lanon).....	21	4	11
Sep. 8,	Reed, Charles—son of Merri-k and Lucretia J. (Bennett).....	48	2	17
June 16,	Reed, William—son of Bernard and Mary (Handley).....	73	8	13
April 22,	Sweatt, Polly A. (Rice)—wife of Moses H.....	78	2	7
Feb. 24,	Thomas, Harriet G. (Shaw)—widow of Jedediah.....	86	11	..
April 4,	Turner, Eliza (Barton)—widow of William.....	72	1	..
Sep. 20,	Wall, Jeanette May—dau. of Joseph and Maria J. (Agnew).....	..	4	10
March 27,	Weston, Fannie A.—dau. of Daniel and Persis P. (Cushman).....	77	9	11
July 17,	York, John A.—son of Emerson and Mary (Gordon).....	60	6	21

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded.....	20	23	43
Number of deaths in town.....	18	21	39
Residents of Westford.....	19	21	40
Non-residents brought to town for interment.....	1	2	3
Number of interments in town.....	9	13	22

Causes of death: Consumption, stillbirth, 4 each; la grippe, heart disease, meningitis, typhoid fever, 3 each; bronchitis, senility, paralysis, phthisis, cancer, 2 each; suicide, osteosarcoma, cerebral hemorrhage, pneumonia, premature birth, Bright's disease, exhaustion, cystitis, gun-shot wound, enteritis, pupura hemorrhagica, nephritis, congestion of bowels, 1 each.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

#### NOTE.

All persons interested are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and if any errors are noted, or if there be omissions, that they be reported to the Town Clerk in writing, that the records may be perfected.

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such case parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may involve much trouble in the future.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 30, 1894 :

144 males at \$2.00.....	\$288 00
2 females at \$5.00.....	10 00

Total.....	\$298 00
Deduct Clerk's fees, 146 licenses at 20 cents each.....	29 20

Balance paid into county treasury.....	\$268 80
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For which the receipts of the County Treasurer are on file.

Of the foregoing licenses 14 (males) were for the year ending April 30, 1894.

Number licensed since last return, Nov. 30, 1894, one (male).

Number licensed for year ending April 30, 1895, males, 131 ; females, 2 ; total, 133.

Number returned by Assessors : Males, 133 ; females, 7 ; total, 140. Number of owners or keepers, 130.

### OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES SINCE LAST REPORT, Feb. 9, 1894.

The licenses are for the year ending April 30, 1895, unless otherwise specified.

Abbot, Abiel J.	Edwards, Wm. C.	Murphy, Henry J.
Abbot, John W.	Feeney, John	Nesmith, Geo. W.
Adams, Chas. L.	Felch, J. P. ('94-2) ('95-2)	Nickles, Maud
Balch, Samuel H.	Field, Adelbert L.	Normington, Wilfred
Bannister, Chas. H.	Fifield, Geo. H. (2)	O'Brien, James
Bean, Mary A.	Flagg, Elbert H.	O'Brien, James, 2d (2)
Bemis, Henry S.	Fletcher, Harry N. (2)	O'Brien, James H.
Berry, Ernest	Fletcher, Henry A. (3)	Paige, A. M.
Blaisdell, Alvin J.	Fletcher, J. Willard	Palmer, Lewis P. ('94)
Blodgett, Josiah W.	Furbush, Frank L.	Polley, Alvin G.
Blodgett, Wilford G.	Gilson, Geo. Q.	Prescott, Wallie
Blood, Napoleon B.	Gilson, Levi S.	Putney, Lucia
Bufford, Ralph	Gould, Horace E.	Reed, Chas. W.
Butterworth, Wm. L.	Gower, Wm.	Reed, Rachel W. (2)
Carkin, Geo. F.	Greig, David L.	Sargent, A. C. ('94-'95)
Carkin, Isaac W.	Griffin, C. M. ('94.)	Sargent, C. G. ('94-'95)
Carmichael, David	Griffin, C. M. (2)	Sargent, F. G. ('94-'95)
Carmichael, James H.	Guerten, Rose	Sheehan, D. H. ('94-'95)

Carrick, Thomas	Haley, John ('94-'95.)	Spillane, Patrick
Carver, Wm. R.	Hall, John	Stephan, Reinhold
Catchpole, Henry	Hamlin, Edward A.	Stiles, Fred O.
Caunter, John W.	Harrington, Henry	Sweatt, Fred A.
Cheever, Jacob	Hartford, Geo. H.	Sweatt, Mrs. S. D.
Clement, Peter	Hawkes, Wesley O.	Tallant, E. W.
Comey, Arthur H.	Healy, Bridget	Varin, Benjamin
Couture, Charles	Healy, John A.	Vose, Wm. M.
Couture, Chas. (Fem.)	Heywood, Albert W.	Wall, Christina
Craven, Edward	Hildreth, Herbert V.	Whigham, Wm.
Crossland, Mary	Hill, Geo. W.	Whitney, Julian
Cummings, Chas. M.	Holt, Arthur S.	Whitney, Wm. M.
Davis, Alfred S.	Howard, Calvin L.	Whittier, Abel C.
Davis, William	Hutchins, John	Wilson, Arthur
Day, Geo. T.	Hutchins, Stephen E.	Wing, Thomas ('94)
Day, Isaac E.	Ingalls, Geo. W. (2)	Wright, Andrew S.
Decatur, C.R.P. ('94-'95)	King, Albert	Wright, Chas. H.
Decatur, John H.	Lorman, S. J.	Wright, Frank C.
Default, Edward	Mann, Mrs. E. L.	Wright, Walter C.
DeRoehn, Eugene	Mason, Josiah B.	Wright, Willey M.
Downs, Matthew F. ('94)	McDonald, Angus	Wyman, Walter W.
Dracup, Albert	McMaster, John, Jr.	York, Agnes
Drew, Frank C.	Moore, E. A.	Young, Robert S.
Eaton, Ward W.	Morrison, James	Young, Robt. S. (Fem.)
Edwards, Chas.	Morse, French M.	

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

WESTFORD, Feb. 8, 1895.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1894.

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held in the Town House, March 19, 1894, the following business was transacted:

1st. The Town Clerk appointed George W. Heywood, Teller, to serve during the election of Moderator, and he was duly sworn by said Clerk. J. Henry Read was elected Moderator.

2d. Voted, that the compensation of the Tax Collector be one per cent. on the amount he collects.

3d. The Selectmen appointed William E. Frost and Albert P. Richardson Ballot Clerks, and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk and received from him the official ballots and gave their receipt therefor.

4th. The Moderator appointed Sherman H. Fletcher, Lewis C. Dane and James D. Wilson, Tellers, and they were sworn by the Town Clerk. Messrs. Dane and Wilson took charge of the check list and ballot box, respectively.

5th. The meeting then proceeded to vote for the town officers named in the warrant, and also on the following question: — "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" Before the commencement of balloting the ballot box was opened and found to be empty, the register standing on zero. Samuel G. Humiston, George H. Hartford, John K. Felch and John A. Healy were appointed Tellers, and were sworn by the Town Clerk.

At the close of the polls the register stood on 271.

Number of names checked on ballot box list, 273.

Number of names checked on Ballot Clerks' list, 273.

Whole number of ballots cast (by count), 273.

Albert P. Richardson and William E. Frost were appointed Tellers, and were sworn by the Town Clerk.

6th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Selectmen as printed.

7th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Selectmen on guide boards as printed.

8th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

9th. Voted, to accept the Report of the School Committee as printed.



10th. Voted, to accept and adopt the Report of the Trustees of the Town Library as printed. The Report recommends the raising and appropriating of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) for the purchase of books for the Library.

11th. Voted, to accept and adopt the Report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds as printed. The Report recommends the raising and appropriation of three hundred dollars (\$300) for burial grounds.

12th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Auditor as printed.

13th. Voted, to excuse Noah Prescott, Abiel J. Abbot and Willey M. Wright from serving as Jurors.

14th. Voted, to accept the list of Jurors reported by the Selectmen, as amended above, which list contains the following names: — Francis W. Banister, Edson G. Boynton, Augustus Bunce, William H. H. Burbeck, George W. Bussey, George F. Carkin, Arthur H. Comey, Lewis C. Dane, Frank C. Drew, Charles Edwards, Alec. Fisher, Elbert H. Flagg, J. Willard Fletcher, Horace E. Gould, Charles M. Griffin, Edwin E. Heywood, Frank C. Hildreth, Harry L. Nesmith, Wilbert E. Parsons, Alvin G. Polley, Thomas E. Symmes, Samuel L. Taylor, Leonard W. Wheeler, Hiram Whitney, Alfred Woodbury, J. Everett Woods, Hammett D. Wright.

15th. Voted, to raise and appropriate four thousand dollars (\$4000) for the repair of roads and bridges.

16th. Voted, to raise and appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) to defray town debts and charges.

17th. Voted, to raise and appropriate forty-eight hundred dollars (\$4800) for the support of public schools.

18th. Voted, to raise and appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3000) for support of the poor.

19th. Voted, to raise and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) for school text books.

20th. In regard to Art. 17, which was "To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time to meet the demands on the Treasury, and act in relation to the same," the Town voted to give such authority to the Town Treasurer.

21st. Voted, that the taxes of those who pay only a poll tax be payable at sight, and all other taxes shall be payable on the first day of January next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall charge interest on such taxes overdue, at the rate of seven per centum per annum, and collect the same according to law.

There shall be allowed a discount on all taxes assessed of five (5) per cent., if paid on or before Oct. 1st, and three (3) per cent. if paid on or before Dec. 1st next, if the whole tax assessed to them is paid at one time. The Auditor shall audit

the accounts of the Tax Collector within five days after the first days of October and December, and said Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all money he may have received within seven days after the said first days of October and December.

And furthermore the Auditor shall audit the accounts of said Collector between the fifteenth and twentieth days of February next, and the Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all money he may have received within five days after the said twentieth day of February. And the Assessors are instructed to complete the assessment of taxes on or before July 1st next, and to issue their warrant to the Collector of Taxes with a list of persons assessed, with their place of abode, within five days after said first day of July.

22d. Voted, to lay the 19th article on the table.

23d. Voted, to appropriate fifty dollars (\$50) for the commemoration of Memorial Day.

24th. Voted, to raise and appropriate one hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$185) for a new floor in the upper hall of the Town House.

25th. Voted, that the School Committee be authorized to purchase a furnace for the school house in the Centre of the Town.

26th. Voted, to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500) to repair and paint school houses and repair school house Fences, and that the same be expended under the supervision of the School Committee.

27th. Voted, to take up the 19th article.

28th. Chose the following persons Field Drivers: A. R. Leighton, John M. Fletcher, Leonard W. Wheeler, Samuel L. Taylor.

29th. Chose the following persons Fence Viewers: Alvin G. Polley, Lewis C. Dane, Almon S. Vose.

30th. Chose the following persons Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyers of Lumber: Charles L. Fletcher, Thomas E. Symmes, W. W. Johnson, Minot A. Bean, W. E. Parsons, William C. Edwards, Horace E. Gould, Gilmer Stone, George H. Prescott, W. W. Wyman, John A. Healy, William M. Vose, Hammett D. Wright, Charles E. Whidden, Thomas Drew, W. O. Hawkes.

31st. The ballots for town officers were sorted and counted, and the following persons were found to have received a plurality of votes, and were declared to be elected:

TOWN CLERK — Gilman J. Wright. Sworn by the Moderator.

SELECTMAN — Julian A. Cameron.

ASSESSOR — Samuel L. Taylor.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR — Hammett D. Wright.

TOWN TREASURER — Nahum H. Wright.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES — Walter C. Wright.

AUDITOR — Arthur B. Plimpton.

CONSTABLES — Isaac E. Day, Arthur Wright.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE — Abiel J. Abbot, Walter J. Sleeper.

TRUSTEE OF TOWN LIBRARY — Miss Margaret A. O'Neill.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS — George W. Heywood.

The vote on the question of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors was as follows :

Yes, eighty-three (83).

No, one hundred and sixty-eight (168).

Blanks, twenty-two (22).

32d. Voted, to accept the minutes of the meeting.

33d. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

J. HENRY READ, *Moderator.*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## SPECIAL MEETING.

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House, Nov. 6, 1894, the following business was transacted:

1st. Voted, to choose a Moderator by nomination from the floor.

2d. Chose Sherman H. Fletcher, Moderator.

3d. Voted, to adopt the provisions of the second article, which is as follows:

“By request of the Trustees of the Public Library, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, under Sect. 41, Chap. 27, Public Statutes, as amended by Chap. 145, Acts of 1894, to select and take as a place for the erection of a Public Library Building for the use of the Town, a certain lot of land situated in said Town, bounded and described as follows:—Beginning at the south-east corner at a stone post near the old store owned by Helen W. Leighton, thence northerly  $145\frac{1}{2}$  feet by the fence by the land of said Leighton to a corner of the fence, thence westerly  $189\frac{1}{2}$  feet by the fence and wall by said Leighton's land to a corner of the wall and land of the First Parish Church, thence southerly and south-easterly by the wall and fence by the land of said Parish to the road, thence easterly by the road to the bound first mentioned. Said lot contains about  $\frac{2}{5}$  of an acre and is situated on the northerly side of the road leading from Westford Centre to Lowell and is known as the estates of Mary Bancroft and Edward E. Wright, deceased, and to take action thereon.”

4th. Voted, to adopt the provisions of the third article, which is as follows:

“On petition of John J. Shaw and others, to see if the Town will grant permission to said John J. Shaw and his successors and assigns to use for the purpose of private burial a certain lot of land, consisting of four acres, more or less, situated on the westerly side of the Boutwell Brook Road, so called, in the westerly part of said Town, and to act in relation thereto.”

5th. Voted, to accept the minutes of the meeting.

6th. Voted, to dissolve the meeting, so far as it is organized for Town business.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, *Moderator.*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## STATE ELECTION, NOV. 6, 1894.

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### Abstract of record of vote of Town of Westford.

Whole number of ballots cast..... 324

#### Governor :

George H. Cary, of Lynn.....	1
Frederic T. Greenhalge, of Lowell.....	211
Alfred W. Richardson, of Springfield.....	20
John E. Russell, of Leicester.....	78
David Taylor, of Boston.....	1
Blanks.....	13

#### Lieutenant-Governor :

Wilbert O. Dwinell, of Danvers.....	1
Moritz E. Ruther, of Holyoke.....	1
Samuel B. Shapleigh, of Boston.....	25
Charles E. Stratton, of Boston.....	76
Roger Wolcott, of Boston.....	205
Blanks.....	16

#### Secretary :

Charles A. De Courcy, of Lawrence.....	72
Wilbert D. Farnham, Jr., of Somerville.....	12
Joseph F. Malloney, of Lynn.....	1
William M. Olin, of Boston.....	221
Isaac W. Skinner, of Brockton.....	1
Blanks.....	17

#### Treasurer :

John M. Fisher, of Attleborough.....	14
James S. Grinnell, of Greenfield.....	78
Henry M. Phillips, of Springfield.....	213
Blanks.....	19

#### Auditor :

John W. Kimball, of Fitchburg.....	212
Wilbur M. Purrington, of Williamsburg.....	12
Charles N. Wentworth, of Lynn.....	1
Alfred C. Whitney, of Boston.....	77
Blanks.....	22



**Attorney General :**

Frank M. Forbush, of Natick.....	12
Henry F. Hurlburt, of Lynn.....	77
Hosea M. Knowlton, of New Bedford.....	213
Blanks.....	22

**Councillor :**

Edwin F. Carr, of Lawrence.....	2
John M. Harlow, of Woburn.....	223
Frank J. Simonds, of Lowell.....	73
Blanks.....	26

**Senator :**

Arthur B. Beers, of Dracut.....	2
George J. Burns, of Ayer.....	218
John P. Crane, of Woburn.....	78
Blanks.....	26

**Representative in General Court :**

Wesley O. Hawkes, of Westford.....	220
Freeman L. Robbins, of Dunstable.....	87
Blanks.....	17

**County Commissioner :**

Peter A. Fay, of Lowell.....	83
Samuel O. Upham, of Waltham.....	212
Blanks.....	29

**County Treasurer :**

Joseph O. Hayden, of Somerville.....	216
Alfred D. Hoitt, of Arlington.....	76
Blanks.....	32

**Register of Deeds :**

Joseph P. Thompson, of Lowell.....	218
Hiram Whitney, of Westford.....	83
Blanks.....	23

**Representative in Congress :**

Lewis Dewart Apsley, of Hudson.....	221
John J. Desmond, of Waltham.....	76
Bertram Sparhawk, of Waltham.....	4
Blanks.....	23

**Constitutional Amendment :**

Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to Commissioners of Insolvency be approved and ratified?  
Yes, 99 ; no, 22 ; blanks, 203.

Return of votes for Representative in General Court for Middlesex  
District No. 31 :

	Dunsta- ble.	Groton.	Pepper- ell.	West- ford.	Total.
Wesley O. Hawkes, of Westford....	51	181	328	220	780
Freeman L. Robbins, of Dunstable..	42	51	108	87	288
Blanks.....	4	17	24	17	62
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Total.....	97	249	460	324	1130

Hawkes' plurality, 492.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Value of buildings, exclusive of land, May 1st, 1894..	\$549,915 00
Value of land, exclusive of buildings, May 1st, 1894.	386,200 00
Value of personal estate, May 1st, 1894.....	210,573 00
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	\$1,146,688 00

### Amount raised for :

Purchase of Books for Library.....	\$ 150 00	
Care of public Burial Grounds.....	300 00	
Repairs of Roads and Bridges.....	4,000 00	
Defraying Town Debts and Charges..	2,500 00	
Support of Schools.....	4,800 00	
School Text Books.....	350 00	
Town House Floor.....	185 00	
Repair of School Houses.....	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$15,785 00
State Tax.....		1,160 00
County Tax.....		1,268 59
Overlayings.....		264 73
Additional Taxes.....		37 00
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		\$18,515 32

Number of Polls.....	641
Houses.....	471
Horses .....	438
Cows .....	753
Sheep.....	48
Swine. ....	45
Fowls.....	1,093
Cattle other than cows.....	116

Tax on one hundred dollars, \$1.50.

### ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

G. A. Perham, 1890.....	\$8 57	
G. A. Perham, 1891.....	4 74	
Nashua, Acton and Boston R. R., 1891.	4 34	
	<hr/>	\$17 65
Adams, George A., 1892.....	2 00	
Allard, Joseph.....	2 00	
Anderson, A.....	2 00	
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Amount carried forward.....	\$6 00	

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$6 00
Anderson, Hans.....	2 00
Bishop, Ellsworth.....	2 00
Blackner, Mark.....	2 00
Blodgett, Luther W.....	2 95
Baufford, Ralph.....	2 00
Brown, John H.....	2 00
Burns, M. H.....	2 00
Butterfield, L. O.....	2 25
Butch, Byron.....	2 00
Blair, Louis.....	2 00
Barry, Patrick.....	2 00
Burke, Thomas.....	2 00
Belmore, Arthur.....	2 00
Buckingham, George.....	2 00
Bagley, William N.....	2 00
Caunter, George W.....	2 00
Caunter, Horace M.....	2 00
Caugle, Alfred.....	2 00
Craven, Thomas.....	2 00
Cummings, Wesley.....	2 00
Cadman, Charles A.....	2 00
Cann, George.....	2 00
Cameron, Louis.....	2 00
Cameron, Frank E.....	2 00
Cushing, R. J.....	2 00
Cummings, Calvin S.....	2 00
Campling, Frank.....	2 04
Campling, John W.....	2 00
Carrick, Frank.....	2 00
Dearborn, Asa.....	2 00
Demerat, George.....	2 00
Dexter, William.....	2 00
Dugdale, Richard.....	2 00
Decatur, William.....	3 54
Flanders, Charles L.....	6 64
Finch, Thomas.....	2 00
Finch, Perley.....	2 00
Fitzpatrick, Jeremiah.....	2 00
Fitzgerald, Thomas.....	2 00
Flynn, John M.....	2 00
Field, Lincoln A.....	2 00
Frances, Eugene.....	2 00
Fountain, Joseph.....	2 00
Grant, Ward.....	2 00
Grant, Elisha.....	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$103 42

*Amount brought forward*..... \$103 42

Grant, Charles B.....	2 00
Haley, Michael.....	2 00
Healey, Henry.....	2 64
Horner, T. J.....	2 00
Hughes, Edward.....	2 00
Harrington, Henry.....	2 00
Hall, John.....	2 00
O'Brien, William.....	2 00
Rawlins, William.....	2 00
Searles, Charles A.....	2 00
Spalding, John F.....	2 00
Spalding, William W.....	2 00
Petterick, William.....	2 00
Sears, Frederick.....	2 00
Simpson, Albert.....	2 00
Serveguy, Napoleon.....	2 00
Serveguy, Desue.....	2 00
Smith, Frederick T.....	2 00
Symmes, Peter.....	2 00
Staples, H. P.....	10 10
Voto, Simon.....	2 00
Vier, John B.....	2 00
Verville, Alcede.....	2 00
Whitney, Joseph.....	2 30
Ward, John M.....	3 23
Wath, John.....	2 00
Wyley, Vincent.....	2 00

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\$169 69

Anderson, A., 1893.....	7
Allard, Joseph.....	2 00
Alpynut, August.....	2 00
Another, One.....	2 00
Bolan, Bell.....	3 54
Bryan, William.....	2 00
Boutillier, James.....	2 00
Buck, Byron.....	2 00
Brunell, Tupper.....	2 00
Brodeau, Magline.....	2 00
Barrel, Zephaniah.....	2 00
Cameron, Louis.....	2 00
Cummings, Calvin H.....	2 00
Cassidy, John.....	2 00
Collins, Fred P.....	2 00
Collier, James.....	2 00
Christy, Robert.....	2 00

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*Amount carried forward*..... \$33 61



<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	<i>\$33 61</i>
Clarehew, James.....	2 00
Dearborn, Asa.....	2 00
Degan, Robert.....	2 00
Driscoll, Cornelius.....	2 00
Dufuran, Ike.....	2 00
Foley, Patrick.....	2 00
Fulton, Daniel.....	2 00
Fitzgerald, John.....	2 00
Farrell, Thomas.....	2 00
Flannagan, Mortimer.....	2 00
Ham, Michael.....	2 00
Harrington, William M.....	2 00
Hill, Leroy.....	2 00
Hoar, Robert.....	2 00
Hutchins, Edward E.....	2 00
Irish, Joseph.....	2 00
Kyle, Samuel.....	2 00
Leonard, Charles.....	2 00
Leroy, Alvin.....	2 00
Leroy, Edwin.....	2 00
McNeil, William.....	2 00
Nelson, Peter.....	2 00
Nelson, John.....	2 00
Norton, Martin.....	2 00
Nickerson, Nathan.....	2 00
O'Brien, William.....	2 00
O'Brien, James.....	2 00
O'Brien, George.....	2 00
Paquett, Alfred.....	2 00
Peterson, John.....	2 00
Peterson, Alfred.....	2 00
Prescott, Simon.....	2 00
Reed, Frederick B.....	2 00
Reed, Thomas C.....	2 00
Rickards, James B.....	2 00
Roberg, Jerry.....	2 00
Rivers, Peter.....	2 00
Sears, Fred. F.....	2 00
Smith, Frank.....	2 00
Stiles, Fred O.....	2 00
Surgrey, Napoleon.....	2 00
Taylor, Carlton C.....	2 00
Thompson, Chipman.....	2 00
Watts, John.....	2 00
Willis, William T.....	2 00
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Ackerman, Guy,	error, 1894.....	\$2 00
Dane, Ernest H.,	" " .....	2 00
Morathy, Timothy,	" " .....	2 00
O'Brien, George,	" " .....	2 00
Parmenter, Frank,	" " .....	2 00
Simon, George,	" " .....	2 00
Woodbury, Edgar,	" " .....	2 00
Wynke, John,	" " .....	2 00
		<hr/> \$16 00

## TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Hall.....	\$13,500 00
Public Library.....	2,000 00
Town Farm.....	5 000 00
Schoolhouse No. 1.....	3,500 00
2.....	1,445 00
3.....	3,865 00
4.....	1,675 00
5.....	1,800 00
6.....	1,600 00
7.....	1,600 00
8.....	1,200 00
9.....	1,500 00
10.....	5,100 00
Public Burial Grounds.....	1,200 00
Fire Apparatus and Buildings.....	350 00
Public Ground.....	1,500 00
Trust Fund.....	2,000 00
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	\$48,835 00

GEORGE H. HARTFORD,

W. H. H. BURBECK,

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,

*Assessors of Westford.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WESTFORD, MASS., February 23, 1895.

The Treasurer of Westford submits the following report :

### RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand, Feb. 26, 1894.....	\$ 2,505 96
To cash borrowed.....	14,700 00
From State corporation tax, 1894.....	2,825 19
Bank tax.....	662 93
Soldiers' families, 1893.....	1,117 50
Indigent soldiers, 1893.....	102 00
School fund, 1893-94.....	293 45
Armory rent, 1893.....	175 00
Armory rent, 1894.....	175 00
County treasurer, dog tax.....	259 39
J. H. Wilson, janitor Town Hall.....	90 25
Alec Fisher, collector of taxes, 1890.....	125 37
Alec Fisher, collector of taxes, 1891.....	94 98
Alec Fisher, interest on taxes, 1890.....	33 14
Alec Fisher, interest on taxes, 1891.....	15 01
I. E. Day, collector of taxes, 1892.....	463 43
I. E. Day, interest on taxes, 1892.....	24 88
Walter C. Wright, collector of taxes, 1893.....	1,084 34
Walter C. Wright, interest on taxes, 1893.....	38 75
Walter C. Wright, collector, before Oct. 1st, 1894.	13,212 15
Walter C. Wright, collector, before Dec. 1st, 1894.	1,303 52
Walter C. Wright, collector, after Dec. 1st, 1894..	1,626 86
Walter C. Wright, interest on tax, 1894.....	1 91
Income library fund.....	48 40
Carrie E. Read, catalogues sold.....	2 75
Gift to library by Mrs. L. L. Tappan.....	1 00
Gift to library by Mrs. James Jones.....	1 00
Gift to library by Mrs. F. E. Wilde.....	2 00
Carrie E. Read, books, slates, etc., sold.....	1 13
State treasurer on account of paupers.....	14 36
City of Lowell on account of paupers.....	52 06
Thomas Quinn, board of wife.....	63 00
Mabel Drew, broken glass, school No. 1.....	3 75
L. A. Winship, broken glass, school No. 7.....	25
" " broken glass, school No. 2.....	10
Fannie B. Prescott, broken glass, school No. 1...	25

B. F. Day, powder and fuse sold.....	2 81
A. Fisher, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
Alexander Courtney, license.....	8 00
Joseph McDonald, license.....	8 00
Morris Miller, license.....	8 00
Alec Fisher, butcher's license.....	1 00
George Drew, for old iron.....	55
Traders and Mechanics Insurance Co. dividend...	10 00
Town of Tyngsboro' on account of paupers.....	58 50
Commissioners of public cemeteries.....	78 70
On account of superintendent of schools (state)..	500 00
Dr. W. J. Sleeper, for town reports.....	91
J. H. Read, for board of John Green.....	108 00
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	\$41,907 53

## PAYMENTS.

By cash, notes and interest.....	\$16,605 25
State tax, 1894.....	1,160 00
County tax, 1894.....	1,268 59
Overseers of the Poor.....	2,938 08
Orders for incidental expenses.....	12,036 83
State treasurer, corporation tax 1893, uncollected..	21 45
On account of schools.....	5,479 01
On account of library.....	528 44
Cash on hand.....	1,871 88
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	\$41,907 53

NAHUM H. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

#### TOWN TREASURER.

Nahum H. Wright, salary, year ending March 1, 1894.....	\$50 00	
Services as Treasurer of Trustees of Public Library, 1893.....	10 00	
Time and expense of going to Lowell on town business.....	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$67 50

#### TOWN CLERK.

Gilman J. Wright, salary.....	\$12 00	
Recording and making returns to Secre- tary of the Commonwealth of births, marriages and deaths for the year 1893, as follows:		
57 births.....	28 50	
27 marriages.....	4 05	
20 deaths.....	4 00	
42 deaths.....	4 20	
Extra services before March meeting, 1894 .....	3 00	
Extra services before November meet- ing, 1894.....	1 00	
Attending Town Clerks' meeting at Groton .....	3 00	
Making report to town.....	3 00	
Express for year ending at date.....	4 40	
Stationery and postage.....	2 63	
Use of telephone.....	15	
State record ink.....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$72 43

#### SELECTMEN.

Sherman H. Fletcher, salary.....	\$5 00
Making out state aid book.....	6 00
Making out 24 state aid and indigent soldiers' returns, under Chaps. 279 and 301, Acts of 1894.....	6 00



Making out town report.....	\$10 00	
Time and expense going to Newton Upper Falls to investigate the case of James A. Graham for soldier's relief .....	4 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	25 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$81 00
George W. Heywood, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	20 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$50 00
Julian A. Cameron, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$15 00
AUDITOR.		
Arthur B. Plimpton, auditing accounts of town officers, 1893.....	\$30 00	
	<hr/>	\$30 00
ASSESSORS.		
George H. Hartford, 30 days taking invoice and making taxes.....	\$75 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, 26 days taking invoice and making taxes.....	65 00	
Samuel L. Taylor, 18 days taking invoice and making taxes.....	45 00	
	<hr/>	\$185 00
TAX COLLECTOR.		
Walter C. Wright, collecting \$13,419.19 at 1 per cent., 1893.....	\$134 19	
Collector's cash book, 1893.....	1 75	
Stamps, envelopes, and express, 1893...	10 73	
	<hr/>	\$146 67
Collecting \$15,291.67 at 1 per cent. to Dec. 1, 1894.....	\$152 91	
Stamps, envelopes, and express.....	14 41	
Collector's cash book.....	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$169 07
CONSTABLE.		
Isaac E. Day, posting warrants for two town meetings.....	\$ 8 00	
Expense of notifying and collecting dog tax.....	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$18 50

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Nelson L. Tuttle, attending seven registrars' meetings.....	\$14 00	
Quincy W. Day, attending seven registrars' meetings.....	14 00	
Oscar R. Spalding, attending seven registrars' meetings, 1893.....	14 00	
Oscar R. Spalding, attending seven registrars' meetings, 1894.....	14 00	
Gilman J. Wright, attending seven Registrars' meetings.....	14 00	
Services as clerk of board.....	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$77 00

## BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

James D. Wilson, teller, March ballot box..	\$2 50	
James D. Wilson, teller, Nov. ballot box...	2 50	
Lewis C. Dane, teller, March check list....	2 50	
William E. Frost, November ballot clerk...	2 50	
W. H. H. Burbeck, Nov. 1893-94 ballot clerk.....	5 00	
Albert P. Richardson, March ballot clerk...	2 50	
George H. Hartford, teller, counting votes, March.....	50	
John A. Healey, teller, counting votes, March.....	50	
John A. Healey, teller. counting votes, November.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$19 50

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Carrie E. Read, school supply agent.....	\$ 44 10	
A. A. Bickford, making annual return to the State .....	2 00	
E. P. Barker, salary, travelling expenses, postage and stationery.....	652 32	
	<hr/>	\$698 42

## UNDERTAKER.

Albert P. Richardson, attending 33 funerals with hearse.....	\$66 00	
Making out 39 returns and receiving permits .....	9 75	
	<hr/>	\$75 75

## TRUANT OFFICER.

Eugene De Roehn, services as truant officer..	\$3 00	
	<hr/>	\$3 00

## APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

Samuel L. Taylor, appraising property .....	\$2 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, appraising property and making schedule.....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$4 50

## REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES AND ARTICLES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

## CENTRE SCHOOLHOUSE — TWO SCHOOLS.

Wright & Fletcher, brooms, etc.....	\$ 4 26	
George Drew, labor and stock furnished....	5 30	
W. A. Mack & Co., furnace.....	105 20	
George F. Millis, cementing well.....	50	
George A. Leland, cleaning well.....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$117 76

## STONY BROOK SCHOOLHOUSE.

Wright & Fletcher, shovel, brooms, feather duster, etc.....	\$3 70	
Samuel L. Taylor, repairs on stove and set- ting glass.....	1 25	
J. L. Moss, repair of stove.....	8 85	
John H. Decatur, labor and stock furnished.	6 59	
George Drew, labor.....	1 75	
James Stanley, cleaning clock.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$23 14

## FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOLHOUSE — TWO SCHOOLS.

Wright & Bemis, coal hod, brush, brooms, etc.....	\$ 2 65	
Eugene DeRoehn, labor.....	4 50	
C. E. Prescott, labor and stock furnished...	5 75	
Wright & Fletcher, feather duster, etc.....	1 25	
Harry Raynes, 1 clock.....	6 25	
George Drew, labor and stock furnished....	14 00	
E. A. Hamlin, labor and stock furnished....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$35 40

## NASHOBA SCHOOLHOUSE.

Wright & Fletcher, brooms, etc.....	\$ 2 00	
George Drew, labor and stock furnished....	16 10	
	<hr/>	\$18 10

## PARKERVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE.

Wright & Fletcher, brooms, etc.....	\$2 90	
George Drew, labor and stock furnished....	4 13	
George H. Holt, handle for pump.....	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$8 28

## MINOT'S CORNER SCHOOLHOUSE.

Wright & Fletcher, brooms, etc.....	\$1 60	
J. L. Hammett, 1 slate blackboard....	4 31	
John H. Decatur, labor and stock furnished.	4 72	
Damper for stove.....	25	
	<hr/>	\$10 88

## NABNASSETT SCHOOLHOUSE.

Wright & Fletcher, brooms, brush, etc.....	\$2 10	
George Drew, labor and stock furnished....	5 75	
J. L. Moss, labor.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$10 85

## LONG-SOUGHT-FOR SCHOOLHOUSE.

Eugene DeRoehn, labor.....	\$3 66	
Wright & Fletcher, brooms, pail, dipper,		
etc .....	2 53	
George Drew, labor.....	7 85	
J. L. Moss, repair of stove.....	9 75	
E. A. Hamlin, labor and stock furnished....	9 55	
H. H. Wilder & Co., grate for stove.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$34 84

## LYON SCHOOLHOUSE.

Wright & Fletcher, brooms, feather duster,		
etc .....	\$2 25	
W. W. Wyman, building vault .....	9 40	
George Drew, labor.....	4 00	
Joseph Wall, painting blackboards.....	2 90	
Horace W. Wyman, making book case .....	5 00	
Eugene DeRoehn, labor.....	67	
	<hr/>	\$24 22

## GRANITEVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE—FOUR SCHOOLS.

Wright & Bemis, brooms and stock fur-		
nished .....	\$14 07	
Eugene DeRoehn, labor.....	14 17	
George Drew, labor and stock furnished....	30 30	
	<hr/>	\$58 54
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		\$342 01

## TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

University Publishing Co .....	\$ 42	
Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn.....	36 20	
J. L. Hammett.....	116 99	
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<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$153 61</i>	

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$153 61	
Ginn & Co.....	81 15	
George S. Perry & Co.....	84 55	
Boston School Supply Co.....	77 25	
Prang Educational Co.....	4 32	
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	21 17	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.....	6 56	
American Book Co.....	5 15	
D. C. Heath & Co.....	2 50	
Damrell & Upham.....	24 75	
Franklin Educational Co.....	2 63	
E. P. Barker.....	4 61	
F. A. Frost.....	75	
H. S. Turner.....	1 28	
W. M. Sargent.....	2 04	
Lothrop Publishing Co.....	30	
Educational Publishing Co.....	3 75	
Freight on books.....	73	
	<hr/>	\$477 10
Appropriation, \$350. Overdrawn, \$127.10.		

## TOWN LIBRARY.

Carrie E. Read, services as librarian from Feb. 1, 1894, to Feb. 1, 1895.....	\$100 00	
Carrie E. Read, for extra work.....	8 25	
George Drew, labor and stock for shelves...	6 50	
Wright & Fletcher, ink, mucilage and chim- neys .....	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$116 50

EXPENSE OF FIRST DISTRICT COURT AT AYER —  
OFFICERS' FEES.

George F. Stiles, services in the Sophronia Sumner case.....	\$ 6 48	
Eugene DeRoehn, services in the W. T. Reed case.....	11 74	
H. C. Sherwin, services in the W. T. Reed case.....	15 70	
	<hr/>	\$33 92

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

C. E. Whidden, express and telephone.....	\$ 2 00	
J. M. Fletcher, postage for mailing town reports, and for use of town officers....	17 93	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$ 19 93	



*Amount brought forward.....*      \$ 19 93

B. S. Stephenson, M. D., return of two births, under Chap. 158, Acts of 1883..	50
J. F. Smith, M. D., return of 40 births, 1893, under Chap. 158, Acts of 1883...	10 00
D. G. Trembley, M. D., return of 21 births, under Chap. 158, Acts of 1883.....	5 25
Heywood & Burbeck, lumber for horse stalls	4 68
Wright & Fletcher, envelopes, paper lanterns, blank books, stamps, etc.....	17 53
2 pairs handcuffs.....	8 00
12 tin cases for safe.....	4 00
Paint for carts and sponges for hearse.....	4 77
Shovels, stone forks, nails, scythe, etc., for Road Department.....	23 45
W. B. Glover, 1 branding iron.....	1 00
J. H. Osborn, attending sick horse.....	5 00
Geo. Tyler & Co., sections for road machine	8 50
1 record book for town clerk.....	2 00
Casting for plow and road machine.....	10 66
1 rubber stamp and ink.....	1 00
C. H. Hanson & Co., difference on horse...	75 00
P. Blanchard, repair road machine.....	50
Drag planks.....	3 70
Freight on lumber.....	1 15
Burnham & Davis, lumber for railing, etc...	29 87
E. H. Keyes, damage to carriage on highway.....	8 00
N. L. Tuttle, making drag, etc., as per bill..	9 07
G. F. Millis, cementing well at Town House	50
J. A. Healey, cleaning well at Town House.	7 00
G. H. Holt, repair of pump at Town House.	4 50
Abbot & Co., use of sewer pump at well at Town House.....	4 00
Joseph Gould, hammer handles.....	90
P. Savage, fence posts.....	70
A. Bunce, fence posts.....	7 32
Target and rifle range for cavalry company..	18 00
W. J. Gould, shoeing horses, sharpening tools, repair of carts and road scraper..	95 75
W. C. Robbins, use of horse.....	8 00
John Feeney, repair of harnesses, and articles furnished.....	20 60
J. A. Healey, damage to carriage on highway.....	3 50
J. A. Walkden, 1 two-horse sled.....	60 00

*Amount carried forward.....*      \$484 33

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$484 33	
1 pair heavy horse blankets.....	11 55	
Recording deed of Tax Collector.....	1 50	
Food for election officers.....	2 03	
Wright & Fletcher, express, telephone, nails, etc., as per bill.....	13 00	
Isaac I. Doane, copying evidence in Carville suit.....	31 20	
Wright & Fletcher, grain for horses.....	20 00	
C. R. P. Decatur, straw for horses.....	10 63	
	<hr/>	\$574 24

## EXPENSE OF TOWN COUNSEL.

Marshall, Hamblet & Burke, legal services, 1893.....	\$100 00	
Marshall, Hamblet & Burke, services pre- paring Carville suit vs. Town of West- ford, 2d trial, and services trying the same, and argument before jury.....	175 00	
To motion for new trial and ex- penses preparing exceptions.....	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$350 00

## PRINTING.

Vox Populi Press, 650 copies Town Reports..	\$122 50	
Extra copies of School Reports, list of books for Library, etc.....	26 60	
Morning Mail Co., ballots for March meet- ing.....	10 00	
F. A. Frost & Co., postal cards.....	1 50	
Vox Populi Press, bill heads, letter heads, and seals.....	8 75	
1500 tax bills.....	6 25	
Morning Mail Co., collector's and voters' notices .....	23 39	
G. W. Southworth, book for Assessors....	3 47	
	<hr/>	\$202 46

## OLD RECORDS.

The Selectmen found upon investigation that the Town did not have a complete set of Town Reports. The Trustees of the Public Library had gathered together an incomplete set, but the earlier years from 1840, the first years they were printed, were missing, and many of those on hand so mutilated that they were unfit for binding. Believing the Town should have a complete set, as they

would be of great value for reference, the Trustees placed in our charge what copies they had, and by the liberality of a few individuals, who had procured a full set, in loaning us the missing years we were enabled to have copies of them printed, and have completed a set up to the present time. A few extra copies of the years printed were made, and any one desirous of purchasing a copy to complete a set can do so at the cost of printing.

The following expense occurred :

Vox Populi Press, printing old Town Reports	\$95 93	\$95 93
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### OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Paid by order May, 1894.....	\$718 04	
August, 1894.....	611 15	
November, 1894.....	773 44	
February, 1895.. .....	835 45	
	<hr/>	\$2938 08
Appropriation, \$3,000. Unexpended balance, \$61.92.		

### TOWN HOUSE.

#### EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING, ETC., AND CARE OF SAME.

J. H. Wilson, services as janitor, from February, 1894, to February 1, 1895.....	\$100 00	
1½ doz. hand fire extinguishers.....	23 00	
Wright & Fletcher, oil, brooms, wax, chimneys, etc .....	25 15	
George Drew, labor on chandelier and table, etc.....	7 33	
C. E. Whidden, 510 lbs. coal.....	1 72	
3 cords hard wood.....	15 00	
R. Hollings, repair of chandelier.....	20 00	
J. A. Healey, 10,293 lbs. coal.....	29 32	
1 clock for Town Hall.....	15 00	
H. H. Wilder & Co., repair of furnace and pipes.....	24 11	
J. M. Fletcher, oil .....	2 70	
	<hr/>	\$263 33

#### INCOME OF TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of Armory from State.....	\$175 00	
Received from rent of building.....	90 25	
	<hr/>	\$265 25

## NEW FLOOR IN TOWN HALL.

W. C. Edwards, laying floor as per contract,	\$160 00	
E. A. Hamlin, oiling floor.....	4 00	
Wright & Fletcher, oil for floor .....	1 20	
	<hr/>	\$165 20
Appropriation, \$185. Unexpended balance, \$19.80.		

## GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

We submit the following report on guide posts and guide boards. New guide boards have been put up at corner of roads opposite Miller's blacksmith shop at Chamberlain's corner. The rest of the guide posts and guide boards are in good condition. The following amount has been expended :

James A. Walkden, for two guide boards...	\$1 50	
E. A. Hamlin, planting guide boards.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$4 50

## SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

EXPENDED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE BY VOTE OF THE TOWN.

Paid by order, see School Committee Report	\$458 30	\$458 30
Appropriation, \$500. Unexpended balance, \$41.70.		

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid by order, see Board of Health Report..	\$44 08	\$44 08
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## PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

Paid by order, see Commissioners' Report..	\$238 15	\$238 15
Appropriation, \$300. Unexpended balance, \$61.85.		

## INSURANCE.

Arthur Fenner, insurance on Library, \$2500 for 5 years .....	\$75 00	
E. H. Shaw, insurance on Town Farm build- ings, \$1,225 for 3 years.....	17 31	
H. C. Church & Son, insurance on Town House, \$3,000 for 3 years.....	44 00	
Arthur Fenner, insurance on Town House, \$2,500 for 5 years.....	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$211 31

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid by order to Veteran Association.....	\$50 00	\$50 00
Appropriation \$50.		

## LAND FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING.

In accordance with the vote of the Town passed Nov. 6, 1894, to take the land of the Mary Bancroft and Edward E. Wright estates for the purpose of erecting a Public Library Building as authorized under Chapter 27, Section 41, of the Public Statutes, as amended by Chapter 145, Acts of 1894, the Selectmen awarded the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) for the land, which was accepted by the administrators of the estates, and the following expense has occurred :

Thomas E. Symmes, surveying land and making plan.....	\$ 2 75	
James Spinner, labor.....	25	
Recording description of land.....	50	
George T. Day, administrator estate of Edward E. Wright for 10,920 ft. of land	300 00	
Samuel Kneeland, administrator estate of Mary Bancroft, for 15,350 feet of land.	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$603 50

## FIRES.

The following fires have occurred during the year and estimated damage :

	No. of Acres Estimated.	Damage.
April 30. Forest fire near Graniteville, owners of land, William Reed, Jephtha Wright, and others....	50	\$40 00
April 30 and May 1. Forest fire near Forge Village, owners of land :		
Olive A. Prescott.....	100	700 00
Joseph Prescott.....	15	50 00
Edward Prescott.....	45	450 00
Allan Cameron.....	10	30 00
Frank C. Hildreth.....	5	30 00
Town of Westford.....	15	150 00
Owner unknown.....	10	50 00
April 30. Forest fire in south part of town, owners of land, John Riley and others.....	10	40 00
June 22. Forest fire near Daniel Sherman's, owner of land, Dan. Sherman,	$\frac{1}{2}$	15 00
Aug. 22. Forest fire in south part of town, owner of land, Augustus Wood,	3	80 00
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	263 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$1,995 00

In the Fall a slight fire occurred on land of Rose Guertin, but the damage was small.



Feb. 10, 1895. Two-story double house and two barns attached, near Minot's Corner, owners, Bertram Bedell and Augustus Flint. Estimated loss..... \$2,000 00

Cause of fire supposed from waste ashes in wooden barrels.

Feb. 17. Barn owned by Rose Guertin, at Minot's Corner, one end used as a paint shop, leased by Eli T. Burbeck. Fire caught on roof from sparks from chimney; estimated loss, \$15 00

\$2,015 00

The numerous fires in the woods last Spring, caused either by carelessness or design, entailed a good deal of loss to the owners of the land by destroying and injuring the young trees, and depreciating the value of marketable wood. Notices of the law in regard to setting fires on woodland have been posted for a number of years about town, with the penalty for violating the law. In some exceptional cases it has had a good effect. One of the worst things to contend with is the carelessness of sportsmen in discharging fire-arms, and people burning brush in the early Spring, before vegetation starts. Parties burning brush should notify the adjoining land owners, and have help enough at hand to control any fire that they may kindle. The expense of subduing these fires has been paid under the approval of the Fire Wardens and Forest Fire Wards as follows:

Paid expense of fires on Snake Meadow, Town Farm, and Clay Pit Hills, as approved by W. E. Parsons, John A. Healey, Fire Wardens, and Edward Prescott. Forest Fire Ward.....	\$145 88	
Paid expense of fires as approved by Geo. W. Heywood, Forest Fire Ward.....	6 50	
Paid expense of fires as approved by Edward Prescott, Forest Fire Ward.....	2 40	
Paid expense of fires as approved by S. H. Fletcher, Fire Warden.....	6 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$160 78

#### REED MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

W. J. Sleeper, M. D., medical attendance..	\$5 00
Eugene DeRoehn, services as officer at Reed house.....	4 00
	<u>          </u>
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$9 00</i>

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	\$9 00	
J. Everett Wood, services at Reed house...	1 00	
S. H. Fletcher, time and expense at Reed house, and team conveying prisoner to Ayer .....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$15 00

### BURIAL OF DECEASED SOLDIERS.

*As authorized by Chap. 395, Acts of 1889, and approved by Geo. T. Day, Agent.*

Albert P. Richardson, expense of burial of John A. York .....	\$35 00	\$35 00
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### SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

*As authorized by Chap. 447, Acts of 1890.*

James A. Graham, September.....	\$10 00	
“ “ “ October.....	10 00	
“ “ “ November.....	10 00	
“ “ “ December.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$40 00

### MILITARY AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

*As authorized by Chap. 279, Acts of 1894.*

January .....	\$39 00	
February.....	35 00	
March.....	35 00	
April.....	35 00	
May .....	20 00	
June .....	20 00	
July.....	20 00	
August .....	20 00	
September .....	20 00	
October.....	16 00	
November.....	16 00	
December.....	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$292 00

## STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES

*As authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1894.*

January .....	\$ 98 50
February .....	98 50
March.....	98 50
April.....	102 50
May.....	98 50
June.....	101 50
July.....	101 50
August.....	101 50
September.....	101 50
October.....	101 50
November.....	101 50
December.....	101 50
	<hr/> \$1,207 00

## ROAD DEPARTMENT.

With an increase of appropriation we have made a number of permanent improvements outside of the ordinary repairs, such as putting up posts and railings, and renewing old ones where needed, laying over and widening culverts, widening roads by blasting away ledges, and extending the width of roads by filling in at the sides. Posts and railings have been put up at the following places:

	Iron Posts.	Chestnut Posts.	Feet of Railing.
Poor Farm Bridge.....	..	...	80
Forge Village Road.....	..	...	100
Forge Village and Graniteville Road.....	9	...	176
J. V. Fletcher Bridge.....	..	2	16
Near Graniteville Station, S. B. R. R.....	..	...	32
W. H. Decatur's Road.....	..	4	32
W. J. Merritt's Road.....	..	1	144
Brows Hill.....	12	1	150
Tadmuck Swamp.....	..	122	976
Brows Bridge.....	..	6	64
North Road.....	..	10	544
Morrison's Bridge.....	..	2	64
Keyes' Bridge.....	..	...	32
Simpson's Bridge.....	..	...	80
C. O'Brien's Road.....	..	6	48
Jerry Sullivan's Road.....	..	9	64
John Martin's Bridge.....	7	2	125
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Considerable expense was incurred in widening the road by the land of Charles L. Hildreth, by blasting away the ledge and repairing the road from the hill near F. C. Wright's to Hamlin's

mill. Among the ordinary repairs the following roads have been repaired, and in many parts widened and graveled, viz. :

The road from Littleton to Chelmsford has been graveled and widened from Cutter's hill, through the Willows, past the East Littleton Station, to the house of Angus McDonald.

The road through Tadmuck Swamp graveled and widened, and stones removed from the hill west of the swamp.

The road from Acton to Chelmsford repaired and partly graveled.

The road from Carlisle line to the foot of Bear hill repaired.

Gravel put on the road through Parkerville.

Considerable expenditure was made on the O'Tool road by reason of the sale of the O'Tool property.

The road by Melburne F. Hutchins' and Flagg road repaired.

The road from Town Farm to Forge Village repaired.

The road from Forge Village past the Acton Railroad to the foot of Cooledge's hill, widened and partly graveled. Stone chips were teamed from Graniteville and put on the causeway at the foot of the hill, and covered with gravel, which has made a most excellent, hard and dry road.

The road from Forge Village past Beaver brook to Littleton line, repaired the entire length.

The road by J. H. Whitney's house raised, piped and graveled.

The road leading toward Reed's stone quarry repaired, and other roads in and about Graniteville.

The road from Groton line to foot of hill near W. W. Wyman's repaired.

The road from Graniteville to the centre of the town repaired.

The road toward South Chelmsford, below E. E. Heywood's, partly graveled.

The road by F. C. Drew's house widened, graveled and graded.

Gravel was put on a part of Main Street, in the centre of the town, but on account of snow work had to be suspended. Other streets in the centre of the town need a coating of gravel, which ought to be done another year. During the summer cobblestones were raked out of the roads numerous times. Besides scattering repairs in different parts of the town brush was cut on a number of roads.

Culverts have been taken up in the following places, relaid and widened :



One on road leading to stone quarry of Wm. Reed & Co.

One near East Littleton station.

One near the house of William Davis.

One (new) on the Flagg road.

Three on road from Graniteville to the centre of the town.

Three on road from J. W. Day's to Acton Railroad.

Two near land of Chas. L. Hildreth's.

One near mill of D. Sheehan.

One on road leading to stone quarry of H. E. Fletcher & Co.

The road leading to the stone quarry of H. E. Fletcher & Co. involves considerable expense each year on account of the heavily loaded stone teams. Arrangements were made with that firm to keep it in repair, and the sum of \$174.47 has been expended to keep the road passable.

We are confident that the expense of keeping the road in repair ought to be light in the future, as the firm is building and grading a railroad from the quarry to Brookside for conveying granite, which will probably be in operation another year. We are well aware that people get impatient and complain because work is not done in different parts of the town when needed, but if they will stop and consider that we have nearly 100 miles of road to care for, necessarily some parts of the town are neglected.

By confining the work to the use of the road scraper, more miles of road could be covered than under the present system, but, composed as our soil is of so much clay and loam, the road-bed would be of more use for agricultural purposes than for a highway. The road scraper can be used for certain purposes, such as widening and shaping the road, but it is unfit to make a hard and dry road, unless the material by the roadside is suitable for that purpose. The cost of hauling good gravel is expensive, but we believe it pays in the long run, and yet we are satisfied that there is material scattered along by the roadside that some day will be used for road purposes, and give us as good roads, equal to the more fortunate towns in the vicinity of Boston, and that is these countless small stones that lie upon our fields and roadsides, that could be crushed by a stone crusher and used for a macadam for the roadbed. But the expense is what prevents its adoption by our country towns, unless aid is furnished by the Commonwealth. The recent law enacted by the Legislature establishing a Board of Highway Commissioners to assume charge of highways as state roads, has been taken advantage of by many towns throughout the Commonwealth.



The Board of Selectmen believed this town was entitled to its share of this excellent law, and have petitioned the State Highway Commissioners to lay out and take possession of the road leading from the centre of the town to Carlisle line as a State Highway. Under the law, none of the expense falls upon the town individually, except the first survey and profile of the road. This we have had done and filed with the petition, and during the coming year we are expecting a favorable action. By the state assuming charge of the road, the town is relieved of the care, and with the thorough and scientific construction with which the Highway Commissioners have constructed highways thus far, it will be of immense benefit to our farmers in conveying produce to the Boston market, as well as to enhance the value of property in town. Our farmers labor under a disadvantage in conveying their produce to market on account of the long haul, and any improvement in the roadbed will reduce the cost of transportation. The public necessity and convenience calls for its construction. Another thing that would help keep our dirt roads in better condition would be the adoption of wide-tired wheels for heavily loaded wagons.

The subject is treated in very good shape in "The Gospel of Good Roads," written by Isaac B. Potter in a letter to the *American Farmer*. We quote as follows: "Next to water, nothing is so destructive of a good road surface as a heavy vehicle running on narrow wheels. It has been proven over and over again that wheels with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch tires cause only one-half the wear on a road that results from the use of wheels with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch tires. It used to be the rule in England to make the tire 1 inch wide for every 500 pounds of load or vehicle; that is, if the vehicle and load weighed 2 tons, 4-inch tires would be used; but it was not found profitable to increase the width much beyond  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches, except in cases where wagons were used without springs, when they were sometimes made as wide as 6 inches. You ought to treat this matter of wheel tires as you do other things in which you are interested, and give it the same sensible consideration that you apply to the things about your home. When you built your house you commenced by putting down a 16-inch stone foundation, and on that you built the framework of the superstructure. You made the foundation broad to prevent the settling of a load which was intended to remain unmoved as long as it should last, and yet you should know that the weight per inch upon that foundation is less one-quarter the weight per inch upon your narrow wheel tires, when

you go to market with a heavy load, to say nothing of the fact that your wagon carries a moving load, and is, therefore, much more likely to disturb the foundation than though it remained quiet. Your wheel tire is designed to touch the ground at one point only, and when it is pressed into the earth so as to increase this point of contact, the power required to move a wagon and its load increases very rapidly. You should use wide wheel tires, and should encourage your neighbor to use them also." In many foreign countries, where the government constructs the roads, stringent laws are passed compelling the use of wide-tire wheels on heavy wagons. Attempts have been made in our own Legislature to regulate the width of tires on wheels for heavily loaded wagons, but the law has failed to be enacted on account of the opposition of those living in the large municipalities, who have the benefit of paved and macadamized streets, much to the detriment of our country roads.

In accordance with Chap. 98, Acts of 1889, Benjamin F. Day was appointed Superintendent of Streets. Under his supervision the following amounts have been expended :

#### FEBRUARY, 1894.

B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	\$20 40	
Team.....	24 50	
Hay.....	47 50	
Gravel.....	14 50	
John Sheehan, gravel. ....	5 00	
F. L. Amission, labor.....	25 00	
Joseph Perkins.....	11 25	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	18 40	
	<hr/>	\$166 55

#### MARCH.

M. A. Clough, gravel.....	920 00	
William White, labor.....	2 45	
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	27 75	
Team.....	37 00	
F. L. Amission, labor.....	25 00	
Joseph Perkins, labor.....	20 00	
G. F. Grant, labor.....	6 25	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	6 25	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	27 10	
	<hr/>	\$171 80

## APRIL.

Elisha Case, labor.....	\$30 37	
G. F. Grant, labor.....	32 25	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	32 63	
F. L. Amission, labor.....	35 00	
Leroy Richardson, labor.....	10 00	
Joseph Perkins, labor.....	31 88	
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00	
Team.....	55 00	
Board of help.....	9 00	
Charles Henderson, labor.....	5 50	
Dualin.....	27 00	
Drain pipe.....	66 42	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	22 50	
	<hr/>	\$402 55

## MAY.

A. J. Blaisdell, labor and gravel.....	\$10 00	
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00	
Team.....	50 75	
Board of help.....	19 95	
Leroy Richardson, labor.....	17 36	
George E. Murphy, labor.....	50	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	33 50	
F. L. Amission, labor.....	22 30	
Elisha Case, labor.....	32 25	
Joseph Perkins, labor.....	33 00	
G. F. Grant, labor.....	32 25	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	33 00	
	<hr/>	\$329 86

## JUNE.

J. Henry Read, gravel.....	\$ 8 75	
W. W. Johnson, team.....	8 00	
H. E. Fletcher & Co., labor and teams.....	56 85	
F. L. Amission, labor.....	27 30	
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00	
Team.....	65 00	
Joseph Perkins, labor.....	39 00	
Elisha Case, labor.....	39 00	
G. F. Grant, labor.....	39 00	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	39 00	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	23 75	
	<hr/>	\$390 65

## JULY.

Joseph Perkins, labor.....	\$36 00	
G. F. Grant, labor.....	36 00	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	33 00	
Elisha Case, labor.....	36 00	
John Liston, labor.....	18 00	
E. C. Wood, labor.....	11 12	
F. L. Amission, labor.....	10 50	
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00	
Team.....	60 00	
Gravel.....	8 00	
Hay.....	42 84	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	27 73	
	<hr/>	\$364 19

## AUGUST.

Mrs. Burnham Smith, gravel.....	\$11 70	
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00	
Team.....	67 50	
Joseph Perkins, labor.....	39 75	
G. F. Grant, labor.....	39 75	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	40 50	
John Liston, labor.....	40 50	
I. W. Grant, labor.....	7 50	
E. C. Wood, labor.....	36 00	
Thomas McCarthy, labor.....	6 00	
Elisha Case, labor.....	40 50	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	30 65	
H. E. Fletcher & Co., labor and teams.....	84 70	
	<hr/>	\$490 05

## SEPTEMBER.

E. C. Wood, labor.....	\$36 00	
John Liston, labor.....	34 50	
John Carmichael, labor.....	15 00	
Elisha Case, labor.....	29 25	
Thomas McCarthy, labor.....	33 00	
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00	
Team.....	61 25	
Gravel.....	21 85	
Leon Lemont, labor.....	8 75	
Reuben Salls, labor.....	18 00	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	36 00	
G. F. Grant, labor.....	13 50	
Powder, dualin and fuse.....	45 60	
Joseph Perkins.....	13 50	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	31 95	
	<hr/>	\$443 15

## OCTOBER.

B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	\$45 00	
Team.....	62 50	
C. H. Wright, team.....	24 00	
Elisha Case, labor.....	37 50	
John Carmichael, labor.....	36 75	
E. C. Wood, labor.....	27 69	
Hay.....	37 80	
Thomas McCarthy, labor.....	35 25	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	26 80	
John Liston, labor.....	31 50	
Drain pipe.....	50 11	
J. B. Mason, gravel.....	11 60	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	37 50	
H. E. Fletcher & Co., labor and team.....	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$471 50

## NOVEMBER.

Mary Crossland, gravel.....	\$15 90	
John Carmichael, labor.....	30 75	
Thomas McCarthy, labor.....	32 25	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	32 25	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	24 25	
E. C. Wood, labor.....	36 00	
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00	
Team.....	58 75	
Elisha Case, labor.....	32 25	
James D. Wilson, labor.....	30 46	
C. C. Smith, labor.....	6 00	
W. F. Seifer, labor.....	32 03	
A. E. Wilson, labor and team.....	83 00	
M. M. Morrison, gravel.....	5 65	
H. L. Park, gravel.....	3 45	
	<hr/>	\$467 99

## DECEMBER.

W. H. H. Burbeck, labor.....	\$45 00	
H. E. Fletcher & Co., labor and teams.....	25 42	
Elisha Case, labor.....	15 00	
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	27 00	
Team.....	22 00	
E. C. Wood, labor.....	26 00	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	19 35	
	<hr/>	\$179 77



## JANUARY, 1895.

John A. Healey, labor and team .....	\$ 4 40	
C. C. Smith, labor.....	10 95	
H. T. Adams, labor and team.....	41 60	
C. L. Adams, labor.....	5 55	
I. E. Day, Board of Surveyors on State Highway.....	22 08	
Mrs. John Wilson, Board of Surveyors on State Highway.....	26 33	
	<hr/>	\$110 91
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		\$3,988 97

Appropriation, \$4,000. Unexpended balance, \$11.03.

Schedule of property belonging to the Town for use of road department: 2 horses, 1 set of heavy harnesses, 2 carts, 5 whiffletrees and chains, 1 evener and spreader, 1 spare horse collar, 4 blankets, 2 surcingles, 1 stone drag, 2 yokes, 1 road scraper, 3 wrenches, 1 wagon jack, 3 chains. 1 stone lifter, straps to lead harness, and hand splice to lead reins, 12 road rakes, 12 shovels, 1 manure fork, 1 hay fork, 2 plows, 11 blasting drills, 4 plug drills, lot of shims and wedges, 1 bush snath, 4 axes, 1 trimming saw, 1 tree trimmer, 4 nose bags, 2 halters, 2 lanterns, 1 oil can, 1 tool box, 1 large hoe, 3 picks, 4 iron bars, 1 hand hammer, 2 striking hammers, 1 stone hammer, 1 drill spoon, 1 curry comb, 2 horse brushes, 20 lbs. dualin, 1 gravel screen.

## BREAKING ROADS.

DISTRICT No. 1.	
J. W. Day & Son and others, as per bills...	\$15 75
DISTRICT No. 2.	
W. W. Johnson and others, as per bills....	45 00
DISTRICT No. 3.	
S. H. Balch and others, as per bills.....	9 45
DISTRICT No. 4.	
B. F. Day and others, as per bills.....	33 94
DISTRICT No. 5.	
James D. Wilson and others, as per bills...	30 90
DISTRICT No. 6.	
Alvin J. Blaisdell and others, as per bills...	11 35

## DISTRICT No. 7.

W. C. Edwards and others, as per bills....	\$56 79
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## DISTRICT No. 8.

M. F. Downs and others, as per bills.....	57 70
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## DISTRICT No. 9.

Edwin Gould and others, as per bills.....	31 04
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## DISTRICT No. 10.

Wm. Reed & Co. and others, as per bills...	14 00
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\$305 92

## ERRORS IN TAX COLLECTOR'S BOOKS.

Isaac E. Day, error in tax book, 1881.....	\$4 00
1882 .....	2 00
1883.....	2 00
1885.....	44
1888.....	8 66
1889.....	8 75

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\$25 85

Number of orders drawn on Town Treasurer, 343.

Total amount of orders, \$14,974.91.

## ESTIMATES FOR YEAR 1895—1896.

Town debts and charges.....	\$3,000 00
Highways.....	3,800 00
Support of schools.....	5,000 00
Support of poor.....	2,800 00
Library.....	150 00
Public burial grounds.....	300 00
Text books and supplies for schools.....	450 00

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\$15,500 00

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SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
 GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
 JULIAN A. CAMERON,

*Selectmen of Westford.*

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WESTFORD, FEBRUARY 1, 1895.

The School Committee report that they have expended the sum of \$458  $\frac{30}{100}$  in repairs upon different schoolhouses.

### PAYMENTS.

J. H. Decatur, for lumber, labor, freight, and teaming.....	\$63 32
Wright & Fletcher, for nails and spikes....	1 44
P. Savage, for 45 chestnut posts .....	6 30
P. G. Collins, for labor and material for fence .....	48 50
J. Desmond, moving 50 posts to schoolhouse.....	\$2 50
Less for old material bought...	1 00
	<hr/> 1 50
Burnham & Davis, for shingles and saddle boards .....	43 79
W. W. Wyman, laying shingles.....	18 00
Wall Bros., painting three schoolhouses....	67 00
Wright & Bemis, for paint and oil.....	72 96
Wall Bros., for labor, varnishing woodwork, etc., at Graniteville.....	66 35
John Paine, for labor, whitening and plastering .....	32 24
W. H. Spaulding & Co., for whiting, glue, plaster, etc.....	9 86
W. E. Livingston & Co., for lime.....	1 35
Abbot & Co., for lumber.....	1 99
E. De Roehn, for cleaning schoolrooms.....	9 00
Thomas Hughes, for cleaning schoolrooms..	6 45
Mrs. Rose Hemans, for cleaning schoolrooms .....	8 25
	<hr/> \$458 30

This sum was expended upon different schoolhouses in the following manner:

PARKER VILLAGE SCHOOL:

A new fence has been built, cost..... \$50 00

MINOT'S CORNER SCHOOL:

A new fence has been built and sundry  
small repairs made, cost..... 71 06

NABNASSETT SCHOOL:

The building has received two coats of  
paint, cost..... 46 32

LONG-SOUGHT-FOR SCHOOL:

The building has received two coats of  
paint, cost..... 46 82

LYON SCHOOL:

The building has been shingled and re-  
ceived two coats of paint, cost.... 108 61

GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL:

The interior has been whitened, and the  
woodwork varnished, and the whole  
thoroughly cleaned, cost..... 135 49

\$458 30

ABIEL J. ABBOT,  
A. R. CHOATE,  
F. H. HILDRETH,  
ALFRED WOODBURY,  
W. J. SLEEPER,

*School Committee.*

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health organized March 24, with Sherman H. Fletcher Chairman, and Julian A. Cameron Secretary.

Julian A. Cameron was appointed agent for diseases and sanitary condition of the Town. Gilman J. Wright, agent to issue burial permits. Albert P. Richardson, licensed as undertaker.

The Town has been reasonably free from infectious diseases, although scarlet fever has prevailed in a mild form, more or less, during the year. Two fatal cases of typhoid fever occurred in Graniteville, all in one family. Two others of the same family contracted the disease, but were removed to the hospital in Lowell, and recovered. Investigation was made to trace the origin of the disease. The buildings and their surroundings were examined, and the water from the wells analyzed, but nothing of a typhoid character could be found, and from the best information we are confident it originated outside of this Town.

Upon receiving notice of a contagious disease, we have at once quarantined the premises by posting cards of warning, which have been respected very generally by the parties affected and the public. A few cases have been reported to us where these notices have not been complied with, where the inmates, as well as their neighbors, have mingled together too freely, and by so doing tend to spread the disease, as well as to alarm the neighborhood. It should be understood that a notice of a contagious disease is put up for the purpose of isolating, as much as possible, those affected and the immediate family, and no one should go into the quarantine buildings unless they are obliged to do so on account of furnishing supplies or other necessities. The Board cannot establish a guard, and therefore have to depend upon the good sense of those affected and their neighbors for the carrying out of the law.

During the year the matter of a public dump has been under consideration, but up to the present time no suitable place has been found. There ought to be one or two of these places established in or near all the villages, so that all rubbish and garbage could be carried there and deposited, instead of being thrown about here



and there. We have had signs painted for the purpose of designating these places, and in another Spring we are in hopes of establishing proper places. The physicians have been very prompt in notifying the board of all dangerous disease, and we are under many obligations to them for suggestions and help in many ways, which we wish to acknowledge.

Considerable work has come to the board by the law passed by the last Legislature entitled, "An Act for the Suppression of Contagious Diseases among Domestic Animals." Under the law the Selectmen appoint Inspectors of Animals and Provisions.

These Inspectors become agents of the Board of Health, and under its supervision they perform their duties. George T. Day and Albert P. Richardson were appointed Inspectors, and the board designated Mr. Richardson as Inspector of Cattle at time of slaughter. Mr. Richardson did not commence his duties until Nov. 1, and from that date to Feb. 1 he condemned as unfit for food purposes, 4 cows and 10 calves at the slaughter house, and 1 cow on the premises of the owner. Mr. Day has made a physical examination of 930 head of cattle; 24 have been quarantined by his orders and held under suspicion as having tuberculosis, and notices sent to this Board and Board of Cattle Commissioners. One was released by order of our Board, and one allowed to be killed on the premises of the owner and found diseased by the Inspector and condemned. The rest were tested with tuberculin, by an agent of the Board of Cattle Commissioners; 4 were released, and 18 condemned to be killed; 16 of these have been killed, and all found diseased with tuberculosis, some very badly; 2 are still held in quarantine.

The efficacy of the use of tuberculin has been somewhat commented upon. We have no intention to advocate or denounce its use.

One case has come under our observation where its use as an agent to detect the disease has been demonstrated.

A cow owned by Mr. Chas. Trott was held under suspicion, but by the tuberculin test no trace of tuberculosis was shown, and she was released by order of the Board of Cattle Commissioners.

Her general appearance was such that many believed she was affected with that disease, and an application was made by this Board to the Board of Cattle Commissioners to have her killed in the presence of their agent, Mr. Trott agreeing to this arrangement.

Examination of the carcass did not show any trace of the disease of tuberculosis. A portion of the lung was taken to the laboratory of the Cattle Commissioners for examination, and Prof. W. F. Whitney made the following report:

LABORATORY MASS. CATTLE COMMISSIONERS.

*To the Board of Cattle Commissioners:—*

The specimens marked Chas. Trott, Westford, received Jan. 19th, 1895, consisted of a portion of the lung showing dilated bronchi with consolidation about them. Microscopic examination showed this due to inflammation of the bronchi, with sound cell infiltration extending into the surrounding alveoli. There was no cheesy degeneration or calcification, and bacilli was absent from the secretion. The condition is one of bronchitis and broncho pneumonia.

Very truly yours.

W. F. WHITNEY.

A good deal of criticism and discussion has taken place by those affected by this law, but we believe that a large majority of the cattle owners in Town are in favor of eradicating this disease, if it is dangerous to the public health. The manner of doing it is the question on which many differ. But, as a Board of Health, we have to take the law as we find it, and if it is unsatisfactory the Legislature is the remedy to make any change in it.

Cattle owners should do their share in exterminating the disease, and they should see that the sanitary conditions of their barns, with proper ventilation, are carefully looked after.

During the year six deaths have occurred from consumption. The State Board of Health, in view of the great number of deaths from this disease, have issued a circular to the local Boards of Health, calling attention to it and the best means for preventing it.

In regard to using the products of tuberculous animals it says, "The question of the effect of the use of the *meat* and *milk* of *tuberculous animals* does not yet appear to be so well settled as to admit of an unqualified conclusion.

"In the absence of absolute and definite evidence, it is therefore desirable that the *meat* of all suspected animals should be cooked thoroughly before using it as food. The *milk* of such animals should be entirely excluded from the food supply."

As a means of spreading information upon this important subject, the Board suggested the issuance of the following circular:

THE PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION.

Consumption is the most destructive disease of New England, the number of persons dying annually from this cause in Massachusetts amounting to nearly six thousand.

The disease is infectious, and can be communicated from one person to another. The chief danger exists in the expectoration of the sick, and if this expectoration is carefully destroyed little danger need be feared.

Consumptives should be instructed not to spit upon the floors of rooms, public halls, street and railway cars, and other vehicles, nor in the streets, but into pieces of cloth, or receptacles made for the purpose, containing water, or a saturated solution of carbolic acid (one part of carbolic acid crystals to about fifteen parts of water). Such bits of cloth should be destroyed by fire, before the sputa becomes dry, and other receptacles should be cleansed with scalding water, their contents having been destroyed or otherwise carefully disposed of. Handkerchiefs which may have been used from necessity should be boiled half an hour before washing.

A healthy person should not sleep in the same room with a consumptive.

Remember that sputa must never be allowed to become dry.

The number of deaths that occurred in 1894 will be found in the Town Clerk's report.

As his report is for the calendar year, not the financial year, the statistics given below are for the same period :

Number of infectious or contagious diseases, as reported by the physicians, is thirty-six, as follows :

	Deaths.
Diphtheria.....	1 0
Scarlet Fever.....	24 0
Measles.....	1 0
Whooping Cough.....	4 0
Typhoid Fever.....	6 2
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	36 2

The following expense has occurred :

E. A. Hamlin, painting and lettering public dump signs.....	\$ 3 00	
Wright & Fletcher, sulphur, candles, carbolic acid, brimstone, etc., as per bill.....	8 08	
Eugene DeRoehn, cleaning and fumigating Lyon schoolhouse.....	3 00	
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., medical attendance..	4 00	
J. F. Smith, M. D., medical attendance....	1 50	
Vox Populi Press, printing cards.....	9 50	
Julian A. Cameron, services as agent.....	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$44 08

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
JULIAN A. CAMERON,

*Board of Health.*

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

For the year ending Feb. 1, 1895.

### AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE BY APPRAISAL.

Feb. 1, 1894.....	\$3,100 53
Feb. 1, 1895.....	3.251 07
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Gain on personal property.....	\$150 54

### RECEIPTS.

Received for milk.....	\$765 65
hay .....	211 52
potatoes .....	46 07
cows .....	40 00
apples.....	108 50
vegetables.....	14 47
use of tools.....	7 05
calves.....	13 25
cranberries.....	12 45
eggs.....	11 62
breaking roads.....	9 45
pork.....	8 90
wood.....	17 38
labor. ....	5 20
use of bull.....	5 00
rent of Wilkinson house.....	7 00
sundries .....	11 98
indigent soldiers.....	224 00
board of J. Green.....	108 00
board of F. Howe and wife...	52 06
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	\$1,679 55

### PAYMENTS.

Paid for labor.....	\$459 14
grain.....	450 33
groceries.....	425 47
meat.....	102 15
fish .....	22 01
S. H. Balch's salary.....	450 00
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<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$1,909 10</i>



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$1,909 10	
Paid for nurse for Mrs. Perham.....	41 25	
J. Wilkinson, for labor.....	26 00	
pigs.....	21 00	
medicine.....	11 43	
coal.....	22 23	
veterinary surgeon.....	10 00	
soap.....	8 00	
stove lining and wood pump.....	6 45	
manure.....	17 50	
ice.....	1 75	
barrels.....	3 00	
wheelwright's work.....	2 50	
blacksmith's work.....	15 83	
fowls.....	12 00	
dry goods.....	4 87	
Lowell Journal.....	1 50	
box rent.....	40	
harness repairing.....	2 00	
standing grass.....	25 00	
cutting wood.....	111 20	
surveying wood.....	1 00	
mowing machine.....	45 00	
pasturing cows.....	13 44	
democrat wagon.....	16 00	
range.....	56 00	
wall paper.....	3 00	
wheelbarrow.....	3 00	
phosphate.....	19 00	
grass and garden seed.....	18 00	
hardware.....	20 00	
clothing for inmates.....	4 48	
bed and bedding.....	10 90	
storm windows.....	6 09	
express.....	1 00	
tinware.....	1 00	
tobacco.....	15 00	
sundries.....	12 45	
cash Mr. and Mrs. Howe.....	1 56	
H. B. Ruiter for T. Carney's board	85 50	
medical aid for inmates.....	58 35	
T. Carney.....	1 00	
shingles.....	37 80	
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		\$2,682 58
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....		<hr/>
		\$2,682 58



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$2,682 58
Deduct income from farm.....	\$1,679 55	
gain on personal property.....	150 54	
expense of tramps.....	129 25	
cash in S. H. Balch's hands.....	86 12	
	<hr/>	\$2,045 46
Cost of supporting the poor inside the alms- house .....		\$637 12

## INMATES AT TOWN FARM, FEB. 1, 1895.

John Green,	Age 76.	
James McManus,	" 52.	
George O. Wright,	" 65.	
Patrick O'Toole,	" 88.	
Catherine O'Toole,	" 94.	
Margaret O'Brien,	" 61.	
Edward E. Holt,	" 81.	
Caroline A. Perham,	" 71.	
Thomas Carney,	" 84.	
Whole number supported during the year.....		11
Average number.....		8
Number of tramps.....		517

## EXPENSE OF THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Dr. W. J. Sleeper for medical attend- ance on Mary Wright.....	\$ 4 50	
on Mary Collier.....	19 50	
on J. Henry.....	12 55	
on Mrs. J. Leland.....	24 25	
on Mrs. J. Wilkinson.....	11 75	
	<hr/>	\$72 55
Dr. J. F. Smith for medical attendance , on S. J. Ingalls.....	\$39 00	
on Ernest Whittemore.....	12 00	
on Mrs. Provost.....	30 00	
	<hr/>	81 00
Dr. Trembley for medical attendance on Mrs. G. Demorris.....	\$22 50	
on Mrs. J. Provost.....	6 00	
on S. J. Ingalls.....	33 00	
	<hr/>	61 50
Wright & Fletcher on account of J. Wilkinson's family.....		22 55
for stationery .....		80
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....		<hr/> \$238 40

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$238 40
Paid hospital bills for Woodward, Keyes, Raymond, Quinn, Lord, Wayne, Reed, and Perham.....		\$1,278 67
City of Lowell on account Bridget Lar- kin, Margaret Casey and J. Carrigan		43 50
G. F. Carlin for wood for Wilkinson family.....		6 00
Paid J. K. Felch for sawing wood for Mrs. Perham.....		2 00
for doctor's blanks.....		2 00
City of Worcester on account of Peter Lord.....		2 00
Wright & Fletcher on account of Joseph Wilkinson.....		20 00
for delivering telegram on account G. Perham .....	\$1 42	
for use of telephone.....	70	
A. P. Richardson for going to Worces- ter after remains of G. Perham...	4 00	
Geo. Sessions & Sons, undertakers' bill	19 00	
for digging grave.....	2 00	
		<hr/> 27 12
City of Chelsea on account A. W. French for labor and material for J. Wilkin- son's house.....		11 25
		193 22
A. G. Polley for services as Overseer of the Poor.....	\$10 00	
H. D. Wright.....	10 00	
W. F. Balch.....	10 00	
		<hr/> 30 00
W. F. Balch for extra time and ex- pense.....	\$9 00	
for making out report to State Board of Lunacy and Charity.....	5 00	
for making out town report.....	5 00	
		<hr/> 19 00
		<hr/> \$1,873 16
Received from State Treasurer on account Mrs. Peterson.....	\$11 36	
on account Cassidy.....	3 00	
Thomas Quinn.....	72 29	
Town of Tyngsboro on ac- count S. J. Ingalls.....	72 00	
		<hr/> 158 65
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....		\$1,714 51

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$1,714 51
Due from State Treasurer on account of Mrs.		
Lampron .....	\$30 00	
Mrs. Newell.....	25 00	
F. Newell.....	43 25	
J. Henry.....	12 55	
	<hr/>	110 80
Cost of supporting the poor outside alms-		
house.....		\$1,603 71

## STATEMENT.

Cash received from Town Treasurer.....		\$2,938 08
Received from other sources.....		337 60
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		\$3,275 68
Paid for outside poor.....	\$1,873 16	
Payments at farm .....	2,682 58	
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		\$4,555 74
Receipts at farm.....	\$1,295 49	
In hands of Superintendent of		
Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1894..	114 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,409 99
	<hr/>	\$3,145 75
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		\$129 93
Cash in hands of Superintendent of Alms-		
house.....	\$86 12	
Cash in hands of Overseers .....	43 81	
	<hr/>	\$129 93

WAYLAND F. BALCH,  
HAMMETT D. WRIGHT,  
ALVIN G. POLLEY,

*Overseers of the Poor*

## APPRAISAL OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY

At Almshouse in Westford, Mass., Jan. 19, 1895.

11 cows.....	\$495 00	
2 horses .....	125 00	
1 bull.....	30 00	
19 tons English hay.....	290 50	
4 1-2 tons stock hay.....	54 00	
2 tons oat fodder.....	26 00	
1 1-2 tons meadow hay.....	12 00	
8 tons ensilage.....	50 00	
Grain.....	21 80	
6 harnesses.....	35 00	
4 plows.....	25 00	
Whiffletrees, neck yokes and evener.....	11 50	
2 mowing machines.....	50 00	
1 express wagon.....	10 00	
1 milk wagon.....	10 00	
1 Democrat wagon.....	20 00	
1 hay wagon.....	35 00	
1 farm wagon.....	30 00	
1 sleigh.....	10 00	
1 horse rake.....	15 00	
1 wheel harrow.....	20 00	
2 dump carts.....	60 00	
1 ensilage cutter.....	35 00	
1 two-horse sled.....	40 00	
115 cords wood on lot.....	320 00	
Balance of personal property in barn and outbuildings.....	256 93	
		\$2,087 73

### APPRAISAL OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN HOUSE JAN. 19, 1895.

125 bushels potatoes.....	\$81. 25	
Turnips, beets and cabbage.....	29 00	
40 gallons vinegar.....	6 00	
3 pecks cranberries.....	3 50	
5 pecks onions.....	1 25	
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$121 00</i>	<i>\$2,087 73</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$121 00	\$2,087 73
30 pounds butter.....	9 00	
400 pounds salt pork.....	48 00	
Fresh pork and lard.....	35 80	
1-2 barrel kerosene and barrel.....	3 00	
330 pounds sugar.....	15 66	
1 1-2 barrels flour.....	6 00	
Balance of personal property in house.....	924 88	
	<hr/>	\$1,163 34
Total .....		<hr/> \$3,251 07

W. H. H. BURBECK,  
 NOAH PRESCOTT,  
 SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,

*Appraisers of Property*



## REPORT ON CEMETERIES.

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The Commissioners of Public Cemeteries have completed the work of repairing fences, removing bushes and re-setting headstones in all of the public burial grounds of the Town. The tomb in the East Cemetery has been thoroughly repaired, and the bank wall has been pointed with cement. The part of the ground near the highway in which the older graves are, and which was in a most unsightly condition, has been ploughed, cleared of a large quantity of small stones, fertilized, and sown to grass. Much labor has been expended in laying out and grading avenues and improving walks, and this work is to be continued during the present year. The condition of the Cemetery has been substantially improved.

The ploughing of the old part of the ground caused some rather hasty criticism; but there was no other way to reclaim the land from its wild and uncultivated state, destroy the weeds and bushes with which it was overrun, and prepare it for the growth of green grass in the future. We believe the appearance of the ground this year will be satisfactory, and will fully justify the means employed to improve it.

During the present year a number of trees will be set out near the avenues, and a circular driveway will be laid out in the rear of the hearse-house.

The gates and posts at the main entrances of all the burial grounds are of unsatisfactory appearance, and the matter of replacing them by better and larger ones of appropriate design is under consideration. A well for the supply of water for washing the hearse and for watering plants and flowers, can probably be dug near the hearse-house at small expense.

We would call attention to the largely increased number of persons who have voluntarily contributed money for the proper care of lots in which relatives or friends are buried. No further proof is needed to show that the people of the Town are becoming more and more interested in improving and beautifying our burial grounds. The Commissioners will continue to receive any sums that may be given for this purpose, and expend them according to the directions of the donors.

The work on the lots should be begun in the Spring, in order that they may present a satisfactory appearance during the Summer and Fall. All who desire the Commissioners to take care of their lots are therefore requested to give directions and make payment to Albert P. Richardson, Superintendent, on or before the 20th of May.

The balance of money unexpended is unexpectedly large. The Superintendent has been obliged to spend much more time than usual on the lots of individuals, and the general repairs and improvements made during the year have cost considerably less than was estimated.

The designation of our Cemeteries as the North, West, and East or Snow's burial grounds, suggests the desirability of giving them more pleasing and euphonious names. It seems hardly fitting that the principal Cemetery of the Town should be named after a private citizen who used to live near it. The early history or local traditions of the Town, or some characteristic and distinguishing feature of the landscape, may supply better names than those derived from the points of compass.

The family of Col. John Robinson has no living representative in Westford, nor elsewhere, so far as known. All will surely agree that the name and memory of the brave old Revolutionary soldier ought in some way to be forever perpetuated and honored in his native Town. It seems to the writer not inappropriate to name the little field where he was buried the John Robinson Burial Ground — thus perpetuating among our people and in our Town records the name and fame of an eminent son of Westford, whom all historians of the battles of Concord and Bunker Hill mention with honor. The Commissioners will gladly receive suggestions as to the naming of the Cemeteries. It is hoped that this matter will be considered by the ladies of the Town, and that they will assist the Board by indicating their preferences or making suggestions.

In order to carry on the work projected, we recommend that the sum of three hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the public Cemeteries for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
ALLAN CAMERON,  
WILLIAM E. FROST,

*Commissioners of Public Cemeteries.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 32 68
Appropriation, March, '94.....	300 00
For care of burial lots, etc. :	
Sally B. Burrill fund, income.....	4 37
Mrs. Frank Calvert, lot 26, W. Division.....	1 00
David Carmichael, lot 345, E. Division.....	1 00
Mrs. M. A. Cheney, Burnett lot.....	2 00
Thomas Drew, lot 43, E. Division.....	1 00
Thomas Drew, Cephas Drew lot.....	1 00
Miss Alice L. Davis, lot 10, W. Division.....	1 00
Alonzo Falls, lot 62, W. Division.....	1 00
John M. Fletcher, lot 16, W. Division.....	1 00
Mrs. Lucy Fletcher, lot 92, W. Division.....	1 00
R. H. Folland, lots 22 and 23, W. Division.....	2 00
John Greig, lot 14, W. Division.....	1 00
Wm. Gower, lot 42, E. Division.....	1 00
Mrs. G. F. Horne, lot 16, E. Division.....	1 00
Samuel Horne, care of lot, E. Cemetery.....	1 00
Miss C. E. Hewett, lot 116, W. Division.....	1 00
S. G. Humiston, lot 142, E. Division.....	1 00
Charles A. Hamlin, lot 56, E. Division.....	1 00
J. M. Hutchins, for apples.....	2 00
Wm. Kittredge, lots 106 and 107, W. Division.....	2 00
Col. E. D. Metcalf, care of lot, E. Cemetery.....	2 00
Mrs. C. M. Prinn, lot 67, W. Division.....	1 00
Wm. Petherick, lot 339, E. Division.....	1 00
Mary A. Putnam fund, income.....	5 08
C. W. Spaulding, lot 346, E. Division.....	1 00
Richard Stancombe, lot 340, E. Division.....	1 00
Capt. Jacob Smith, lot 95, W. Division.....	1 00
Fred O. Stiles, lot 41, E. Division.....	1 00
Myron J. Wood, lot 155, E. Division.....	1 00
Gilman J. Wright, lot 28, W. Division.....	1 60
Nahum H. Wright, lots 46 and 47, W. Division.....	1 00
Willey M. Wright, lot 24, E. Division.....	1 00
Varnum B. Wright, for grading, etc.....	5 00
Wm. H. Willis, lot 19, E. Division.....	1 00
Samuel Willis, lot 20, W. Division.....	1 00
Whiting estate, by G. L. Rives.....	3 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$387 13

## EXPENSES.

Geo. W. Heywood, fertilizer and cement, E. Cemetery..	\$ 12 86
W. W. Johnson, team and labor, E. Cemetery.....	14 00
Amount carried forward.....	<hr/> \$26 86

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$ 26 86
B. F. Day and others, team and labor, E. Cemetery....	15 75
Geo. W. Heywood, iron rings, etc.....	1 60
J. Gould, cutting grass, W. Cemetery.....	5 00
Geo. W. Heywood, fertilizer, E. Cemetery.....	18 37
A. P. Richardson and others, labor, E. Cemetery.....	149 62
Wright & Fletcher, grass seed, etc., E. Cemetery.....	5 15
J. T. Colburn, labor, W. Cemetery.....	7 00
W. H. H. Burbeck, labor, N. and E. Cemeteries .....	2 80
A. P. Richardson and others, labor, E. Cemetery.....	6 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$238 15
Balance unexpended.....	\$148 98

## TRUST FUNDS HELD FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS.

Sally B. Burrill fund.....	\$100 00
Mary A. Putnam fund.....	100 00



## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN : — In conformity with the requirements of the duty of Auditor, the undersigned has made a careful and systematic examination of the accounts of Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Master of the Almshouse, and Town Treasurer, for the financial year ending March 1, 1895, and herewith submits the following report :

### TAXES.

The amount of taxes assessed on the polls and on the real and personal estate within the Town of Westford for the year 1894, which is ascertained by a thorough inspection of Tax Collector's book, and as submitted to you in my report of July 27, 1894, was as follows, viz. :

Number of polls 639, at \$2.00 each .....	\$ 1,278 00
Tax on personal property .....	3,159 10
Tax on real estate .....	14,041 22
Total .....	\$18,478 32
Number of polls added since report of July 27, two, at \$2.00 each .....	4 00
Other taxes .....	33 00
Total tax levy for 1894 .....	\$18,515 32

### UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

Year.	Collector.	Amount due March 1, 1894.	Int'rest C'll'ct'd	Total.	Amo't collected inclu'g interest and abatements since Mar. 1, '94.	Amount due March 1, 1895.
1890	Alec Fisher .....	\$210 13	\$33 14	\$243 27	\$167 05	\$76 22
1891	Alec Fisher .....	358 16	15 01	373 17	119 07	254 10
1892	Isaac E. Day .....	768 29	24 88	793 17	662 26	130 91
1893	Walter C. Wright.	1,506 55	38 75	1,545 30	1,246 70	298 60
Total amount of uncollected taxes for the years 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893 .....						\$759 83



I charge Collector Walter C. Wright with the total tax levy for 1894, which was.....	\$18,515 32
For interest collected since January 1, 1895, (taxes of 1894) .....	1 91
Total amount .....	<u>\$18,517 23</u>

And give him credit for amounts as follows :

For actual amount collected Oct. 1.....	\$13,212 15	
Five per cent. discount allowed tax payers on taxes paid on or before October 1.....	695 38	
Actual amount collected Dec. 1.....	1,303 52	
Three per cent. discount allowed tax payers on taxes paid on or before Dec. 1.....	40 31	
Actual amount collected between Dec. 1 and Feb. 21.....	1,626 86	
Interest collected.....	1 91	
Rebate of taxes and taxes ordered as errors.....	16 00	
	<u>16,896 13</u>	
Residue of uncollected taxes for 1894..	<u>\$1,621 10</u>	

#### RECAPITULATION.

Uncollected taxes, 1890.....	\$ 76 22
Uncollected taxes, 1891.....	254 10
Uncollected taxes, 1892 .....	130 91
Uncollected taxes, 1893 .....	298 60
Uncollected taxes, 1894.....	1,621 10
Total amount of uncollected taxes, March 1, 1895...	<u>\$2,380 93</u>

#### TOWN CLERK.

By examination of the accounts of Town Clerk, it is shown that the number of dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 30, 1894, was 146.

Total amount of license fees was.....	\$298 00
Total amount of Clerk's fees (146 at 20 cents each) was.....	29 20
Balance paid to County Treasurer as per his vouchers.	<u>\$268 80</u>

Two hundred and fifty-nine dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$259.39) of the amount paid to the County Treasurer has been refunded.

#### SELECTMEN.

Proper vouchers were found for each and every one of the 343 orders drawn by the Selectmen on the Town Treasurer.

Amount of orders was.....	\$14,974 91
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#### ALMSHOUSE.

Examination of the accounts of Master of the Almshouse shows the balance on hand March 1, 1894, was.....	\$ 114 50
Receipts from all sources for the year ending March 1, 1895, was.....	2,529 49

Making a total of.....	\$2,643 99
Total expenditures for the year ending March 1, 1895,	2,557 87

Balance on hand March 1, 1895.....	\$86 12
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#### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Inspection of the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor shows the balance on hand March 1, 1894, was.....	\$ 90 81
Receipts from all sources for the year ending March 1, 1895, was.....	3,184 87

Making a total of.....	\$3,275 68
Total expenditures for the year ending March 1, 1895.	3,231 87

Balance on hand March 1, 1895.....	\$43 81
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The expenditures of Overseers of the Poor and Master of the Almshouse were all properly vouched, excepting a few trivial amounts, for which no vouchers were shown.

## TREASURY.

In my audit of the accounts of the Town Treasurer I find :

The whole amount of receipts during the year ending March 1, 1895, was.....	\$39,401 57
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The whole amount of expenditures during the year ending March 1, 1895, was.....	\$40,035 65
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Excess of expenditures over receipts.....	\$634 08
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The balance in the treasury March 1, 1894, was....	\$ 2,505 96
The amount received into the treasury during the year ending March 1, 1895, was.....	39,401 57
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Making a total of.....	\$41,907 53
The amount paid from the treasury during the year ending March 1, 1895, was.....	40,035 65
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The balance in the treasury March 1, 1895, was....	\$1,871 88
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Every item paid from the treasury as represented by the amount \$40,035.65, was properly vouched.

## FINANCIAL.

The financial condition of the Town March 1, 1895, as taken from the Treasurer's book and other sources, is as follows, viz. :

## LIABILITIES.

Note First National Bank, Lowell.....	\$4,500 00
Note First National Bank, Lowell.....	2,000 00
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Total amount.....	\$6,500 00

## RESOURCES.

Due from State Aid to soldiers' families ....	\$1,207 00	
Due from Military Aid to indigent soldiers.	146 00	
Due from burial of soldiers.....	35 00	
Taxes of 1890 remaining uncollected.....	76 22	
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Amount carried forward.....	\$1,464 22	\$6,500 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$1,464 22	\$6,500 00
Taxes of 1891 remaining uncollected.....	254 10	
Taxes of 1892 remaining uncollected.....	130 91	
Taxes of 1893 remaining uncollected.....	298 60	
Taxes of 1894 remaining uncollected.....	1,621 10	
Balance of cash in the Treasury.....	1.871 88	
Balance of cash in the hands of the Overseers of the Poor.....	43 81	
Balance of cash in hands of the Master of the Almshouse.....	86 12	
	<hr/>	\$5,770 74
Balance against the Town.....		<hr/> \$729 26

Respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR B. PLIMPTON, *Auditor*.

Graniteville, Mass., March 1, 1895.

## LIST OF JURORS, 1895.

The following names will be reported at the annual March meeting to be placed in the jury box, subject to revision by the Town :

NAMES.	OCCUPATIONS.
Francis W. Banister,	Farmer.
Josiah W. Blodgett,	Farmer.
Edson G. Boynton,	Farmer.
Augustus Bunce,	Farmer.
William H. H. Burbeck,	Laborer.
George W. Bussey,	Farmer.
George F. Carkin,	Teamster.
Quincy W. Day,	Farmer.
Jeremiah Desmond,	Farmer.
Frank C. Drew,	Farmer.
Charles Edwards,	Teamster.
Elbert H. Flagg,	Farmer.
Allen B. Gould,	Clerk.
Horace E. Gould,	Farmer.
David L. Greig,	Carder.
Edwin E. Heywood,	Farmer.
Frank C. Hildreth,	Farmer.
Samuel M. Hutchins,	Farmer.
Frederick Martin,	Farmer.
Walter J. Merritt,	Farmer.
Harry L. Nesmith,	Farmer.
Wilbert E. Parsons,	Teamster.
Nathan Prescott,	Painter.
Thomas E. Symmes,	Farmer.
Samuel L. Taylor,	Farmer.
Leonard W. Wheeler,	Farmer.
Hiram Whitney,	Retired.
Abel C. Whittier,	Farmer.
Hammett D. Wright,	Granite Dealer.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
JULIAN A. CAMERON,

*Selectmen of Westford.*



## LIBRARY REPORT.

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The Trustees of Westford Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending, Feb. 23, 1895 :

The Trustees are happy to report a year of increased usefulness in regard to the Public Library. Eight hundred and twenty-eight more books have been issued by the Librarian during the year of 1894-'95 than during the previous year, and the class of books has been, on the whole, of a higher order than before. It is found, indeed, by comparing notes with the Trustees of other libraries, that the standard of books added to Westford Library, and of those read by its patrons, is above the average of that in most Public Libraries. Recently, effort has been made by some of the teachers in the District Schools to bring their scholars more in touch with the books in the Library, and in several cases teachers have taken pains, not only to recommend certain books to children, but have taken personal trouble to get books for them. The Superintendent of Schools, also, has, we understand, given teachers a list of books which they are requested to read to the pupils under their charge. And it is well known that the scholars in the Academy are often sent to the Library for valuable information on a large variety of subjects. All this general interest increases the practical value of our Library to a degree which can hardly be estimated. And it must be admitted that this Library has become one of the most important and indispensable features for good in our Town ; not only of an intellectual nature, but of a moral nature.

One of the most prominent facts in all reformatories is that, if the minds of the unfortunate inmates are kept interested in good and harmless things instead of being allowed to dwell on things evil and harmful, a long step toward reform is gained. Knowing the activity of the minds of children and young people, is it possible to over-estimate the importance of furnishing for them pleasant and profitable food of an intellectual and literary nature? This our Library is doing more and more. It would surprise many of the people of our Town, not accustomed to visit the Library, could they know how large a proportion of our children are interested in

entertaining books of travel, of biography, of science as it is simplified for the young, of books on natural history, including studies of birds, insects and animals of all kinds. The time has gone by when children can only be entertained by the silly and exciting story. They have learned that the truths of the universe and the development of nature everywhere about them are far more interesting than the most alluring fiction.

We are all being awakened to the fact that the time is at hand when the Library must extend its usefulness by means of a suitable building for the accommodation and preservation of its books, and, also, by means of a general reading-room properly furnished with all conveniences for reading and study. Our young people are worth too much to us, and to society at large, to have no better place of common meeting-ground than the hand-stand, the street-corner or the village store. And if we are true descendants of our forefathers who, a hundred years ago, acted so wisely in establishing this Library, we shall see to it that a suitable place is soon provided for what they so generously bequeathed us.

It has been the hope of the Trustees, as well as of many other inhabitants of the Town, that some one of the men of wealth who grew to boyhood and manhood under the elevating influences of Westford, would feel a desire to forever associate his name with his native Town by presenting it with a handsome Library Building, as has been done by men of wealth in many of our neighboring Towns. Some effort has been made by individuals toward securing such a gift, but, thus far, without success. And the time has come when, as the individual gift is not forthcoming, Westford, as a Town, should take the initiatory steps toward the erection of such a building. The best possible piece of land for the purpose has, as we know, recently been taken possession of by the Town, and we know, also, that according to the State law in regard to land secured in this way, work upon that land toward the object in view must be begun within a limited time. If, as sometimes in moments of self-gratulation we say, Westford is in advance in some respects of many New England villages, is it not due to the fact that for the past century she has had the uplifting influences of the Library and Academy? A far-sighted, public-spirited and generous body of men were they who a hundred years ago, within the brief space of five years, established the Academy and "Social Library" and built the "First Parish Meeting-House." Far less able, financially, were they to do their work then, than are we to do the work required o

us now. The subscribers to that Library fund stated in their preamble that they were desirous, *especially*, for the advantages of that Library for those who were to come after them. Twenty-five men—comparatively, a very large number, considering the size of the Town—organized that Library. Most of our townspeople are descendants of, or in some way connected with, those men. Does the Town not owe them something more tangible than a debt of gratitude? Is it not the duty of the Town, as it should be the pleasure likewise, to continue their work, in a way that it shall do the most positive good, for another century? And your Trustees feel that the Library has now reached that state where its usefulness can best be promoted only when it shall be properly housed, and the advantages to be derived from it are gained under the most approved modern methods and conveniences. Few Libraries of the size of the Westford Library have better collections of books than has this. Some of the most valuable reference books of the day have been added within the past few years, and many students from all parts of the Town are glad to refer to them; the Town officers find valuable data therein, our old soldiers read the army histories and again live over the war and go marching on to victory.

Last year attention was called in our report to the books in the Miscellaneous Department, which contains many of the best books in the Library. We would like now to call special attention to the books in Class F, under the head of "Agriculture, Philosophy and Science." Books under such titles as "Homes without Hands," "How to Know the Wild Flowers," "The Feathered Friends," "Life on the Sea Shore," "First Forms of Vegetation," "Ocean Wonders," and many others which might be mentioned, are all works of intrinsic worth, and books which are a delight and help to every one who reads them.

In conclusion, may we urge upon you, our fellow-citizens and friends, the conscientious consideration of the subject of a suitable Library Building for our Town. Westford is a prosperous Town, it is a Town of whose people we are proud, it is a Town which no one of us need be ashamed to claim as his native place. And as we look back with pride and gratitude to that band of self-sacrificing men who, a century since, came forward loyally and organized the "Social Library," which, at the present time, has developed into the "Westford Public Library," shall we not take steps to carry on that work in such a manner that a century hence our descendants shall look back with pride and gratitude to us? If those who have



gone before to the Unknown Land are conscious of what is passing here, what a glorious satisfaction it would be to the founders of this Library if, as the sun sets on the Library Centennial year of 1897, its parting rays could illuminate the windows of a Library Building erected by this people in loving memory of the fathers and mothers of our past and in loving solicitude for our sons and daughters of the future.

The Library is indebted for gifts during the past year to the following: to Mrs. Helen H. Prescott, "Littell's Living Age, 1893;" to the publishers, for a work called "Oahspe;" to Topographical Survey Commission, an "Atlas;" to Hon. Geo. A. Sanderson, "Catalogue of Lawrence Academy;" to Mrs. S. D. Fletcher, "Catalogue Chelmsford Public Library;" to Mr. John M. Fletcher, "R. B. Thomas Almanac, 1894;" to Mrs. L. L. Tappan, Mrs. J. A. Jones and Mrs. F. E. Wild for gifts of money.

The insurance on the books in the Library is \$4,500.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

March 1, 1894, cash on hand.....	\$244 63
March 19, 1894, appropriation.....	150 00
April 2, 1894, Shoe and Leather Bank dividend.....	4 00
October 1, 1894, Shoe and Leather Bank dividend.....	4 00
October 24, 1894, City Institution for Savings.....	40 40
October, 1894, Mrs. L. L. Tappan.....	1 00
September, 1894, Mrs. J. A. Jones.....	1 00
September, 1894, Mrs. F. E. Wild.....	2 00
February. 6, 1895, dog tax.....	259 39
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	\$706 42

### EXPENDITURES.

Estes & Lauriat, bills for books.....	\$463 89
Appleton & Co., bills for books.....	15 00
H. P. Page, bills for books.....	17 00
C. H. Nichols & Co., bills for books.....	20 00
Westford Review Club, for magazines.....	3 00
Fletcher's "Book on California, etc.".....	1 50
Iconographic Encyclopedia.....	4 60
Carrie E. Read, for Ledger, etc.....	3 45
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	\$528 44
Balance.....	\$177 98

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Number of books purchased.....	218
Public documents received from the State.....	26
Public documents received from the United States ....	3
Volumes presented.....	2
Whole number of books added during year.....	249
Whole number of pamphlets added during year.....	94
Whole number of books in library.....	8,071
Number of books issued.....	9,379
Number of books lost.....	2
Received from fines, 1894.....	\$5 15
Paid for supplies, 1894.....	3 61
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	\$1 54
Express and teaming.....	\$1 80
Glue.....	40
Box rent.....	40
Centennial celebration.....	40
Telephone.....	30
Sundries.....	31
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	\$3 61

It is to be regretted that the dog tax could not have been paid in to the Town Officers a little earlier, as the Trustees have been somewhat embarrassed in regard to their expenditures. They did not know until too late to make wise selections of books, the amount they were to have. Consequently, the usual number of books has not been added the past year, but, the money having now been paid, steps will immediately be taken to make up the deficiency.

We recommend that the usual sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of books during the ensuing year. Respectfully submitted.

KATE S. HAMLIN,  
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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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MIDDLESEX SS.

*To Isaac E. Day, one of the Constables of the Town of Westford,  
in said County,*

GREETING :

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town, House in said Westford, on Monday, the eighteenth day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at eight o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at 8.15 o'clock A. M., and closed at one o'clock P. M. ; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit :

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2d. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 3d. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, for one year ; one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Trustee of the Public Library, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, all for three years ; Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two Constables, and one Auditor, all for one year ; also to vote on the following question : "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Trustees of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.

- 9th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for Town debts and charges.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for Public Schools.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money for Support of Poor.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for School Text Books and Supplies.
- 17th. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time to meet the demands on the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 18th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, and act in relation to the same.
- 20th. By request of the Veteran Association, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 21st. By request of a committee of citizens, to see if the Town will vote to build a Public Library Building, and act in relation to the same.
- 22d. By the same, to see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow on the credit of the Town the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be expended for the purpose of building a Public Library Building, which sum shall be paid as follows: One thousand dollars out of the taxes of the year 1896, and one thousand dollars out of the taxes of each succeeding year until said loan is fully paid, and act in relation to the same.
- 23d. By the same, to choose a building committee to contract and erect a Public Library Building, and act in relation to the same.
- 24th. On petition of Francis L. Fletcher and 29 others, to see if the Town will accept the provisions of Sec. 101, Chap. 417,



Acts of 1893, in regard to a division of the Town for precinct voting, and act in relation to the same.

- 25th. By request of the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, to see if the Town will appropriate a sum sufficient to place a marker, not exceeding one dollar (\$1.00) each, of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the grave of each Revolutionary soldier buried in this Town, and act in relation to the same.
- 26th. By request of the citizens of Graniteville and Forge Village to see if the town will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these two villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 27th. To see if the Town will designate what public buildings or other property shall be kept insured, and act in relation to the same.
- 28th. To see if the town will accept or amend the list of prices for rent of Town Hall, as established by the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 29th. By request of the Loyal Temperance Legion and others, to see if the town will vote to give the use of the lower Town Hall two evenings a month to the Loyal Temperance Legion, and act in relation to the same.
- 30th. By the same, to see if the Town will vote to give the use of the lower Town Hall two afternoons a month during the warm months, to the Junior Loyal Temperance Legion, and act in relation to the same.
- 31st. By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) to be used for the transportation of scholars, and act in relation to the same.
- 32d. By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to change the designation of the schools from numbers to names, and act in relation to the same.
- 33d. By request of Hiram Dane, to see if the Town will pay the services of a police officer in the vicinity of Long-Sought-For Pond, and act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.



HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this second day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
JULIAN A. CAMERON,

*Selectmen of Westford.*

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE  
Town of Westford, Mass.

FOR THE  
SCHOOL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1895.



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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1894=95.

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A. J. ABBOT, Chairman	.	.	.	Term expires 1897
A. R. CHOATE	.	.	.	" " 1895
FRANK H. HILDRETH	.	.	.	" " 1896
W. J. SLEEPER, Secretary	.	.	.	" " 1897
MRS. ALTA M. TAYLOR	.	.	.	" " 1895
ALFRED WOODBURY	.	.	.	" " 1896

EDMUND P. BARKER,      Superintendent of Schools,  
Residence, Ayer, Mass.

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To fill the vacancy as a member of the Board, a joint convention of the School Committee and Selectmen was held, as required by law, on May 7, 1895, and Mrs. Alta M. Taylor was chosen.

The annual meeting of the School Committees of Ayer, Littleton and Westford was held at Ayer and Mr. E. P. Barker of Ayer again elected Superintendent of Schools for the three towns named, which compose the district. The expectation expressed in last year's report that the benefits of his supervision would become more apparent the second year than the first, has been fulfilled. His suggestions have been cheerfully adopted by the teachers, and with their cordial co-operation the school work has gone forward harmoniously and with much benefit to the pupils.

Some erroneous ideas have been entertained by some of the people in the Town as to the use and desirability of the monthly meetings of the teachers. At these meetings the Superintendent gives instruction to all the teachers at the same time on those subjects, which his visits to the schools have shown him to require special attention. He keeps informed on all educational topics, and imparts the information to the teachers. If we are to have good schools and equal to other places, our teachers must be kept up to the times and to all advances, and the meetings are one of the ways of accomplishing it.

A saving of time and a uniformity in instruction is thus effected. To those interested in the schools an invitation is extended to attend these meetings at any time. It will also be evident that the scholars will get much more benefit from teachers who have taught several terms and received a measure of this special instruction from time to time, than from those who teach only a single term.

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And here, we might remark, is one of the great places of waste of our money: in instructing the new teachers how to teach: paying them for it: our pupils getting not the instruction of mature minds and experienced ones, but the inexperienced.

They get the experience on our children: we pay them for it. Our children cannot get the benefit when a change is made every one or two terms, or even every year, for with every new teacher the pupil has to unlearn certain things, and time is lost in becoming learned in the new ways of the new teacher.

It is a great waste and should stop, but the remedy rests with you, as voters and citizens. You cannot expect a teacher, except under quite unusual circumstances, of which Westford has fortunately had in years past several instances, to remain long teaching our district schools for what we pay. They stay a while, get their experience, for which we sometimes sadly pay, and then go away. Each change taxes the learning capacity of the school, and then the parents criticize severely because their children do not learn. You are not giving your children the best advantage as long as you continue the present arrangement: you are wasting money and the time of your children.

A teacher who has to have 24 recitations a day, from the youngest child to preparing for the Academy, works at a certain disadvantage compared with the teacher who has a graded school, and, as remarked before, few teachers are so situated that they can carry it out successfully for years. You are fortunate in possessing one such; and as for the others, although we have many good teachers, yet changes are made too often for the benefit of us and our children. Would it not be better to have matters so arranged that we could retain our good teachers both in district and village? Are not we entitled to good teachers as well as others? Shall we continue to educate them only to have them be taken away by neighboring places? Your answer is already made — No — that you want as good as the rest and that you propose to keep them. The teacher is worth more the second year than the first, and the fifth, or should be, than the second, and we cannot afford to be constantly instructing teachers to teach for the benefit of other places. To retain them you must pay them, and you should grade them. All argument that they get more than so and so, avails nothing against *the fact* that they are constantly being picked away, one here and another one there, and constantly leaving district schools for graded ones.

Your Superintendent recommended last year consolidation, but no action has yet been taken. It is worthy of consideration, and an appropriation is recommended to be made, so that if at any time transportation may be desired for any school there will be a fund for that purpose. The regular school appropriation cannot be used for this work.

The Lyon School was the only one closed during the year on account of sickness. Scarlet fever broke out there during the fall term, and the school was closed for over two weeks.

A regular course of study for seven years' work, preparatory to admission to the Academy, has been adopted, and graduation exercises with the presentation of diplomas will take place at the end of each school year.

A furnace has been added to the No. 1 School and is quite an improvement of the heating facilities, but makes the building open to some criticism, as if a fire should start at any time it is out of sight, and if any headway was got, might shut off egress from the upper room, the stairway being very narrow and quite inadequate for the needs. Some new provision should be made for such emergency, which, although it might never happen, yet is a possibility.

This same remark applies to the Forge School, the upper room of which is, with the present heating apparatus, a perfect fire trap, and some other means of exit should be provided.

Returning to No. 1 School, we would remark that some new arrangement of blackboard room is imperative. Those now there on the sides of the room are a constant strain to every eye in the room, and if more and better light could be secured by a skylight, it should be, as during the winter term all eyes are subjected to strain by the poor light in the afternoon; no other school room in Town is so poorly lighted.

New blackboards and new ceilings are also a necessity at Forge Village.

The time of the school day has been changed to, from 8.45 to 11.45 A. M., and from 1 to 3.45 P. M. This allows many pupils to go home at noon who otherwise did not.

The study of vocal music has been added to the course of study, as petitioned for by the citizens, thus placing us in line with and equal to Littleton, Pepperell and Concord.

The rebate which the Town receives from the State on account of the District Superintendency has been constituted a special fund

for that purpose, so that no appropriation will be needed. For several years the appropriation made has only been sufficient to keep the schools open from thirty-four to thirty-five weeks each year, while it is desirable to have a thirty-six week year.

The book fund has been sadly deficient. We have paid this year \$73.54 of last year's bills and overrun \$53.56 this year, although we have had to put off buying some needed books and supplies until next term.

All bills are paid to date. We would desire it understood that school supplies take a large part of this fund, and not books alone. A larger appropriation will be necessary.

Last winter the Legislature enacted the following act :

[CHAP. 436.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN IN WHICH THEY RESIDE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. Any town in which a high school or school of corresponding grade is not maintained shall pay for the tuition of any child who with the parent or guardian resides in said town and who attends the high school of another town or city, provided the parent or guardian of such child before such attendance obtains the approval of the school committee of the town in which the child and parent or guardian reside.

SECT. 2. If any town in which a high school or school of corresponding grade is not maintained neglects or refuses to pay for tuition as provided in the preceding section, such town shall be liable therefor to the parent or guardian of the child furnished with such tuition, if the parent or guardian has paid the same, or to the town or city furnishing the same, in an action of contract.

SECT. 3. No member of the school committee of a town in which a high school or school of corresponding grade is not maintained shall refuse to approve the attendance of any child in the high school of another city or town, charging a reasonable amount for tuition, if such child is properly qualified to enter such high school, unless said town is prepared to furnish such child proper instruction in its own schools in the studies usually taught in a high school. If the school committee of such town unreasonably refuses to grant such approval such town shall be liable for the tuition of such child in the same manner and to the same extent as if the parent or guardian of such child had obtained the approval of the school committee.

SECT. 4. Any town in which a high school or school of corresponding grade is not maintained, but affording high school instruction by sending pupils to other towns, may pay the necessary transportation expenses of such pupils.



SECT. 5. Chapter two hundred and sixty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one is hereby repealed. [*Approved May 26, 1894.*]

It will be seen that we are brought to the question of supplying High School education on application, and that, too, with an Academy in our Town. The Academy Trustees very courteously invited an informal conference on the matter, and it would seem possible to make some arrangement whereby the Town could advantageously have practically the use of their \$50,000.00 fund, and at the same time save possibly \$1,000.00 per year, and have a school that would grade far above neighboring towns. It was suggested that the Town have supervision of the Academy through its Superintendent of Schools; have one representative out of each Committee of three, and, at least, one of each Committee, on the part of the Trustees, to be a resident of the Town, thus giving those living in Town a control of each Committee and direct representation to the Town. No scholar from another town to be taken to the exclusion of one from this Town. The Town to pay as tuition a certain sum, to be determined, for any number of pupils not exceeding sixty; if the number exceeds sixty, the Town to pay as tuition for all over sixty pro rata as to the total expenses of running the Academy. The Town agreeing to carry out the arrangement for a certain term of years, to be determined, the Trustees on their part agree to erect and fully equip immediately a suitable building. The details are not sufficiently advanced to present to the Town at present, but we hope to later. General legislation is a preliminary step, and as soon as anything can be presented to the Town it will be.

The Trustees have evinced a hearty interest in the matter for the benefit of the Town and taxpayers, and it would seem quite advantageous if the Town should be able to make such a satisfactory arrangement, whereby they would have supervision, representation, a better school than they could reasonably hope to maintain, and save a handsome sum each year.

A very liberal business course of the sciences and English branches would be arranged and with an equipment for teaching them Westford should be at an advantage over other towns.

Taking the sum put in by the Town together with the income from the Trustees' fund, even after a building has been erected, and we should have a sum sufficient for a good school. It is impossible now to any more than call your attention to the matter, that you may be able to be considering it with a possibility of later action.



It has been too much of a custom to read the School Report and then put it aside with little thought and no action, but all through the country the people are awakening to educational matters; and where it used to be the usual routine, when economy was desired, to put the pruning knife to the schools, now the order, we are happy to say, is to spare the schools and vote sufficient to make them equal to any. Westford has no desire to be otherwise than equal to any, for the first question asked by a new comer is, "What kind of schools have you?" And we, in order to get our share of new citizens, must be able to say, "We have equal to the best." A piece of advice given in the *Old Farmer's Almanac* under March, 1894, and copied in the Concord report, is sound and to the point:

"The farmer should not neglect to attend the annual town meeting and to vote every time for good schools and good roads; the former will benefit him by giving his children a good education, and will make the town a better place to live in, and thus increase the value of his farm; the latter will increase the profits of his farm by decreasing the cost of transportation of farm products. The farmer should take an active part at town meetings, because, as a rule, the burden of taxes bears harder on him than on those who follow other professions."

Our expense account for teachers' salaries alone is \$130.00 per week, and 36 weeks would use up \$4680.00 of our \$4800.00 appropriation, leaving only \$120.00 towards the fuel and janitor funds, necessitating a cutting down of the school year and a false economy on teachers' salaries.

As you see from the financial statement below, the funds have been overdrawn \$79.02. There has been a deficit each year. Last year, as is noted by this year's statement, there was a balance of \$94.93. This was not real, but rather misleading, for there were outstanding accounts of between \$100.00 and \$200.00, thus really making a deficit. This year, even with the use of the rebate from the State, there is a deficit, and as that fund has been made special now for instruction in vocal music the deficiency would be even larger another year. A larger amount of money is actually needed and an appropriation of \$5200.00 is recommended.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1894.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation .....	\$4,800 00
Massachusetts School Fund.....	278 06
Rebate from State on account of district superintendency	225 00
Balance from 1893.....	94 93
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	\$5,397 99

## EXPENSES.

Teachers' salaries.....	\$4,669 75
Janitor services, cleaning, etc.....	293 50
Fuel .....	513 76
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Overdrawn, \$79.02.	\$5,477 01

## APPROPRIATION FOR TEXT BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Appropriation .....		\$350 00
Paid bills of year 1893.....	\$ 73 54	
Paid bills of year 1894.....	403 56	
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	\$477 10	\$350 00

Overdrawn, \$127.10.

## ESTIMATES, 1895.

Appropriation for schools.....	\$5,200 00
Text books and supplies .....	450 00
Transportation .....	100 00

Respectfully submitted.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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*To the School Committee of Westford:*

My second annual report, herewith respectfully submitted, treats upon the following topics: Work of the Year, Course of Study, Change in Law Regarding Attendance, State Teachers' Examinations, Needs of the Schools, and Consolidation of Schools. Following these are the Roll of Honor, List of Teachers, and Table of Statistics.

### WORK OF THE YEAR.

#### ATTENDANCE.

The whole number of different pupils, 466, is more than last year; the average attendance, 313, is ten less. The per cent. of attendance is 91.8, a slight gain. It is to be regretted that the tardinesses have increased in number to 1292, or four on the average for each pupil in attendance; the cases of dismissal, however, are less, being 498, so that the total time lost is probably less than last year. All honor to those who have done their best, and very many have, but certainly the number of tardy marks can, and ought to be, greatly reduced another year.

The visits, 65 by the Committee, and 804 by parents and friends, are more numerous than last year, and have been a source of much profit. Our schools need criticism — kindly criticism, to be sure; and, if at any time severe, it should be by those who have gathered their facts from personal observation in the schools.

The banner for best attendance has been won three times by the Lyon School, and once each by the Forge Grammar, Nabnasset, Long-Sought-For, Parkerville, Centre Grammar, and Minot's Corner Schools.

#### SCHOOL HOURS.

The morning session is from 8.45 to 11.45; the afternoon from 1 o'clock to 3.45. The adoption of these hours seems to have been attended with good results.

## SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

Of the fifteen schools in Town, twelve have the same teachers as a year ago. Quiet and uninterrupted progress has thus been the rule. Teachers have responded loyally to the Superintendent's efforts to help them, have taken pride in their work and interest in their pupils, and have been desirous of self-improvement. Two spent several weeks at the Vineyard Summer School for Teachers, and have given evidence of the great benefit received.

It is a pleasure, though a sad one, to pay tribute here to the memory of Miss Lillian B. Hammond, who taught with great acceptance at the Lyon School last year. She resigned to take up kindergarten work in Lowell, where she died early in the present school-year. Her life was heroic; her character pure, conscientious, devoted, winsome; her work as a teacher, marvelous in its power to make character; her memory, to those who knew her, is as a "benediction after prayer."

## TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

At these monthly meetings school matters in general have been considered, but more particularly the course of study. Among other topics special attention has been given to pedagogy and penmanship.

The study of "the child" is attracting much attention, and some familiarity with the simple facts of mind and their applications in teaching is quite essential to successful schoolroom work, and to an understanding of current educational literature.

In penmanship an effort has been made to discover the reason for poor results, so generally acknowledged, and to apply a remedy that should make possible both legibility and rapidity. The so-called natural movement method has been taught in the teachers' meetings and the movements drilled upon in the schools. Prof. C. R. Wells, author of the method, spent one afternoon with our teachers, and by his instruction contributed much toward placing this branch of our work upon a hopeful basis.

That these meetings are of great value and worth all the time spent by the teachers in attending them is shown by the difference to be observed between the teaching in schools where the teachers attend regularly, and in those few where, because of remoteness of location or for other cause, the teachers attend but occasionally.



## COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study has been undergoing a thorough revision. The course of study for each year has been printed upon two closely written pages of letter size. Each teacher's desk and that of the Secretary of the School Committee have been furnished with a set, fastened in suitable covers made expressly for the purpose. Teachers will be pleased to show these courses of study to visitors upon the schools.

## BOOK-KEEPING

Has been given the arithmetic time for the first half of the winter term :

Fifth Grade—Making out bills and receipts.

Sixth Grade—Simple cash accounts.

Seventh Grade—Simple ledger accounts.

This time is spent to quite as good advantage as if given exclusively to arithmetic. Book-keeping requires the constant use of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, common and decimal fractions, U. S. money and compound numbers. Indeed, this study may be called practical arithmetic, and modern text books in arithmetic give considerable attention to book-keeping.

## LITERATURE.

Patriotic poems have been assigned to the several grades for memorizing: "America," "Barbara Frietchie," "Hail Columbia," "Star Spangled Banner," "Independence Bell," "Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers," and "Paul Revere's Ride." Historical, geographical, and legendary poems have been correlated with the work of each year. Books have been assigned for the teacher to read to the children. A number of the Cary and Longfellow poems have been assigned to each of the lower grades. Class reading in literature has been arranged to take the place of the so-called reading books as fast as new books are needed. Scudder's Fables and Folk Stories is assigned to the third year; Grimm's Fairy Tales to the fourth year; Hans Andersen's Stories, Hawthorne's Grandfather's Chair, and Longfellow's Hiawatha, to the fifth year.

The sixth year is especially a Longfellow year,—Evangeline, Miles Standish, and Longfellow Leaflets, with a birthday exercise Hawthorne's Wonder Book is also read.



The seventh year is a Whittier year,—Snow Bound, Among the Hills, Tent on the Beach, and the Whittier Leaflets, with a birthday exercise. Hawthorne's Tanglewood Tales is also assigned to this year.

A list of forty or more books has been prepared for supplementary out-of-school reading in the sixth and seventh years.

Rhetorical exercises have been established, each pupil participating twice a term.

Such a course in literature, imperfect as it, of course, is, if pursued under the guidance of intelligent and sympathetic teachers, cannot fail to have a profound influence upon the thoughts, emotions and characters of the pupils.

#### GEOGRAPHY.

Frye's Primary Geography has been made the basis of the fourth and fifth year's work. Pupils observe and record the weather, and, in the upper grades, the phases of the moon, the morning and evening stars, etc., by the aid of the almanac.

#### NATURE STUDY

has been carefully planned, some branch for each half term. Physiology and the effects of stimulants and narcotics receive daily attention during the last half of the winter term.

#### CHANGE IN LAW REGARDING ATTENDANCE.

Chapter 188 of the Acts and Resolves of 1894 provides that the thirty weeks of attendance required annually of all children between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall begin within the first month of the fall term of school, and that for each five days' of absence of any such child thereafter in excess of the two weeks' time allowed for absence not excused by the Superintendent of Schools or the School Committee, the person having such child under his control shall, upon the complaint of the School Committee or any Truant Officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.

#### STATE TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Chapter 329 of 1894 provides for a state examination of teachers, arrangements for the establishment of which are now being made. While in no way compulsory upon either towns or

teachers, it is expected to establish helpful standards and to stimulate teachers to a better preparation for their work.

"To be eligible to the examination for the elementary grade probationary certificate, the candidate must be" a High School graduate or of equivalent training, and be either a normal graduate or have had two full years' experience in teaching. The subjects of this examination are to be:

I. Languages: English, with elements of either Latin, French or German.

II. Mathematics: Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry.

III. History and Geography: Of Massachusetts, United States, England.

IV. Sciences: Physical Geography, Physiology, and Physics; and either Botany, Zoology, Geology, Chemistry or Astronomy.

V. Drawing: Mechanical and Free-hand.

VI. Principles of Education: (a) Its aims and means; (b) Psychology; (c) Methods of teaching, including Physical Culture and Music; (d) School management.

Experience teaches that, serious as are failures in discipline, when they occur, the burden, nevertheless, most heavy in the aggregate under which the schools suffer is the inadequacy of the education of those who presume to teach. While failure in control is readily ascertained and unpardonable, lack of scholarship, on the contrary, too often passes unnoticed or is condoned. Every one of the subjects included in the foregoing state examination should be acquired by those who expect to teach, or who, now teaching, wish to attest their fitness for retaining their present positions. To secure the best results culture as well as character should be demanded. Both are absolutely essential.

Colonel Parker, writing in the *Educational Review*, says "It is not lack of method that obstructs progress in teaching; it is ignorance of subject-matter on the part of teachers."

## NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS.

1. Thirty-six weeks of school each year—one more than at present.

2. Ten dollars a week salary for teachers in the larger and more important schools.

Whenever vacancies shall occur in these schools, teachers of suitable training and experience will not be able to be secured for a less salary. Graduates of the Academy should be encouraged to add normal training to their qualifications for teaching, but such training, costing time and money, can hardly be expected, except as its value shall be recognized by the payment of larger salaries.

An increase of four hundred dollars in the general appropriation would be needed to carry the foregoing recommendations into effect.

3. The appropriation for books and supplies should be enlarged.

The last State School Report shows that the length of the school-year and the rate of wages paid by Westford are much below the average, so much below that in Middlesex County only one town having as many schools as Westford pays as low average wages; and the fact that in that town the school year was forty weeks long, making the teachers' annual salary larger than with us, places Westford at the foot of the list for towns having as many schools.

## CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS.

Westford has eight village schools and seven small outlying schools. In towns thus situated much attention is being given to the advantages to be derived from closing the out-schools and transporting the pupils to the village schools.

From correspondence with the school committees of twenty towns where this policy has been in vogue during the present year, the following facts have been collated, which it is hoped may prove helpful to the citizens of Westford in their deliberations for the improvement of their own schools:

1. The average amount appropriated for transportation, \$744.
2. The average number of schools closed, per town, 3.
3. Average number of pupils transported, per town, 46.
4. Average greatest distance, 3 miles; shortest, 1 1-3.
5. As to how small a school should become before being closed, the average answer was 11.
6. In all these towns the smaller pupils were transported as well as the larger ones, 83 per cent. reporting with good success, others fair.

7. Eighty-eight per cent. reported less exposure to pupils than when they walked to the schools in their own districts.

8. Better progress in studies is reported unanimously. Also better heating. Better ventilation, too, save in one instance.

9. Seventy-five per cent. reported the expense per pupil less than formerly. Eighty-three per cent. reported less expense for fuel.

10. Ninety per cent. report that, on the whole, in actual practice, they find the plan a wise one.

Comments upon the success of the system were made as follows:

1. Better interest, better attendance, less tardiness.

2. Better control over pupils. Contact with finer culture. We hope to extend the plan to the other schools.

3. Has been a great success here. Financially a great success. The way these isolated children brighten up is wonderful. There is no argument that can be advanced in opposition.

4. We have asked for \$335 for transporting pupils this year and think we shall get it.

5. Pupils are not tardy as before. Being graded, much better work is done.

6. Children become more civilized. Trouble with parents at first.

7. Save \$448. a year. We are more than pleased with the success. Can grade better. The teacher does better work with a larger school.

8. Worked well; citizens do not favor it. We want a school at our door. Citizens say we shall soon have a change.

9. The only point to be urged is the better education of pupils.

10. Broader companionship. Better proceed cautiously.

11. Better morals and manners.

12. This Town is decidedly against transportation, though the Committee favor it.

13. Less "rusticus" about country boys and girls.

14. Better progress in singing and drawing.

15. Far better for children to be in larger schools.

16. More interest, enthusiasm, progress.

17. This Committee are in favor of consolidation, first, last, and all the time. A schoolhouse in every man's door-yard is the bane of our country schools.

- 18. We have abolished the district system and transport all outskirts.
- 19. Larger classes ; more emulation.
- 20. Supplies will be more usefully applied.

### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, my thanks are due to the Committee and to the teachers for the large degree of consideration and helpfulness shown me through the year.

EDMUND P. BARKER,  
*Superintendent of Schools.*



## ROLL OF HONOR, 1894=5.

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The figures denote the number of terms neither absent nor tardy.

### CENTRE GRAMMAR.

Annie Harris, 2.  
Albert Harris, 2.  
Ruth Tuttle, 2.  
Edith Wright, 1.  
Alberta Wilson, 1.  
Frank Wright, 1.  
Alfred Taylor, 1.  
Archie Hartford, 1.  
Willie Millis, 1.  
Albert Heywood, 1.

### CENTRE PRIMARY.

Aaron Tuttle, 3.  
Charlotte Prescott, 2.  
Robert Prescott, 2.  
Marguerite Banister, 2.  
Leroy Hartford, 1.  
Allan Whitney, 1.

### STONY BROOK.

Edward Decatur, 1.  
John Taylor, 1.

### FORGE GRAMMAR.

Beverly Morton, 1.  
Willie Morton, 1.  
Edward Hanley, 1.  
Emily Catchpole, 1.  
Garfield Berry, 1.

### FORGE PRIMARY.

Alice Berry, 1.  
Orra Darling, 2.  
Archie Whigham, 1.  
May Lord, 1.  
Joseph Connell, 1.  
Harry Snider, 1.

### NASHOBA.

Grace Richardson, 1.  
Emma Castell, 1.  
Emma Flagg, 1.  
Cora Flagg, 1.  
John Hutchinson, 1.  
Willie McDonald, 1.  
Mabel McDonald, 1.

### PARKERVILLE.

Ethel Woodbury, 2.  
Ethel Adams, 1.  
Lillian Brown, 1.

### MINOT'S CORNER.

Inez Burnham, 2.  
Hamilton Whitney, 1.  
Eva Burnham, 1.  
Willie Bicknell, 1.  
Freddie Bicknell, 1.

### LONG-SOUGHT-FOR.

Leonard Dane, 1.  
Julia Burke, 2.  
Katie Burke, 2.

## NABNASSET.

Nellie Taylor, 3.  
 Herbert Ingalls, 2.  
 Charles Taylor, 2.  
 Elmer Trull, 1.  
 Charles Trull, 1.  
 Nellie Felch, 1.  
 Grace Felch, 1.  
 Alma Agnew, 1.

## LYON.

Edwin Gould, 2.  
 Charles Blodgett, 1.  
 Fred Blodgett, 1.  
 George Couture, 1.  
 Alex Couture, 1.  
 Willie Wyman, 1.  
 Luella Wright, 1.  
 Lillian Wright, 1.  
 Clarence Wright, 1.

## GRANITEVILLE GRAMMAR.

Annie Davie, 1.  
 Mabel Moran, 1.  
 Flora Palmer, 1.  
 Fred Reed, 1.  
 Ellsworth York, 1.

## GRANITEVILLE INTERMEDIATE

Cornelia Kierstead, 2.  
 Alice Sheahan, 2.  
 Esther Grant, 1.  
 Katie Leland, 1.  
 Etta Sheahan, 1.  
 Herbert Shattuck, 1.  
 John Healy, 1.  
 Sophia Gower, 1.  
 Bertha McLenna, 1.  
 Austin Healy, 1.  
 Jennie Greenberg, 1.  
 Maud Carlin, 1.

## GRANITEVILLE UP. PRIMARY.

Edward Riney, 2.  
 Eva Craven, 2.  
 Gertrude Fosdick, 1.  
 Willie Murphy, 1.  
 Frank Charlton, 1.

## GRANITEVILLE LOW. PRIMARY.

John Grieg, 3.  
 Arthur Callahan, 1.  
 George Petherick, 1.  
 Willie Wall, 1.  
 Stephen Callahan, 1.  
 James Haley, 1.  
 Eddie Champaie, 1.

# LIST OF TEACHERS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	APPOINTED.	EDUCATED.	SALARY.
Centre Grammar.....	A. Mabelle Drew.....	Sept. 1890.....	Bridgewater Normal, 1890.....	\$9 00
Centre Primary.....	Fannie Prescott.....	Apr. 1892.....	Westford Academy.....	9 00
	{ Grace C. Litchfield.....	Apr. 1893.....	Westford Academy, 1892.....	
Stony Brook.....	{ Fannie Blood.....	Sept. 1894.....	Lawrence Academy.....	9 00
	{ Grace A. Nicholls.....	Oct. 1894.....	Onawa (Ia.) High School.....	
Forge Grammar.....	Flora A. Whitcomb.....	Apr. 1890.....	Stow High School, 1886.....	9 00
Forge Primary.....	Alice J. Bunce.....	Sept. 1892.....	Worcester Normal.....	9 00
Nashoba.....	{ Clara L. Hammond.....	Sept. 1893.....	Acton High School, 1890.....	8 00
	{ Grace H. Manter.....	Dec. 1894.....	Bridgewater Normal, 1894.....	
Parkerville.....	E. Grace Butterfield.....	Apr. 1892.....	Framingham Normal, 1888.....	8 00
Minot's Corner.....	Julia M. Chamberlin.....	Jan. 1893.....	Westford Academy, 1892.....	8 00
Nabnasset.....	Lizzie A. Winship.....	Sept. 1874.....	Framingham Normal, 1874.....	9 00
Long-Sought-For.....	Annie F. Dower.....	Sept. 1893.....	Hingham High School.....	8 00
Lyon.....	{ Lillian B. Hammond.....	Dec. 1892.....	Green Mountain Seminary, 1890.. }	
	{ Bertha A. Swain.....	Sept. 1894.....	Bradford Academy.....	8 00
Graniteville Grammar.....	{ Issie A. Parker.....	Apr. 1885.....	Westford Academy, 1881.....	9 00
	{ Flora B. Blood.....	(Substitute Fall.)..	Lawrence Academy, 1889.....	
Graniteville Intermediate...	Annie E. Wilson.....	Sept. 1889.....	Westford Academy, 1888.....	9 00
Graniteville Upper Primary.	Mabel L. Baldwin.....	Sept. 1891.....	Worcester Normal, 1891.....	9 00
Graniteville Lower Primary.	Anne Carmichael.....	Sept. 1891.....	Westford Academy, 1891.....	9 00

# SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1894-5.

Districts.	SCHOOLS.	Grades.	Weeks of school.	Whole number of dif- ferent pupils.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of attend- ance.	Pupils under five.	Pupils between five and fifteen.	Pupils between eight and fourteen.	Pupils over fifteen.	Half days of absence.	Tardinesses.	Tardiness per pupil, based on average attendance.	Dismissals.	Visits by Committee.	Visits by Supt.	Visits by others.
1	Centre Grammar.....	5-7	35	24	21.2	20.0	94.3	0	23	21	1	434	46	2.3	46	7	15	79
1	Centre Primary.....	1-3	35	38	26.2	23.2	88.9	1	26	11	0	1,071	109	4.6	28	4	13	103
2	Stony Brook.....	1-6	34.8	34	26.7	22.9	85.8	0	33	18	1	1,316	108	4.7	36	7	14	35
3	Forge Grammar.....	4-6	34	39	22.1	20.4	92.3	0	38	34	1	583	191	9.3	21	9	14	37
3	Forge Primary.....	1-3	35	54	39.3	37.3	94.9	3	51	19	0	695	207	5.5	26	2	15	40
4	Nashoba.....	1-6	35	20	16.9	15.3	91.1	0	18	12	2	510	52	3.4	49	6	12	44
5	Parkerville.....	1-7	35	13	10.1	9.3	92.8	0	13	11	0	291	6	0.6	39	3	12	48
6	Minot's Corner.....	1-5	35	17	12.1	10.7	88.4	0	17	12	0	505	22	2.0	9	4	12	24
7	Nabuaasset.....	1-6	35	28	21.9	20.8	95.0	2	25	17	1	389	30	1.4	16	4	13	19
8	Long-Sought-For.....	1-7	35	14	10.9	10.2	93.3	1	12	9	1	257	85	8.3	26	3	12	28
9	Lyon.....	1-4	33	20	15.8	15.0	95.0	0	20	13	0	289	31	2.0	7	5	13	65
10	Graniteville Grammar.....	5-7	35	48	20.1	19.1	95.0	0	39	30	9	714	81	4.2	99	3	16	67
10	Graniteville Intermediate.....	3-4	35	39	31.5	28.5	90.5	0	39	39	0	1,042	152	5.3	57	5	16	103
10	Graniteville Upper Primary...	2	35	34	29.8	27.5	92.6	0	34	15	0	796	79	2.8	9	3	16	41
10	Graniteville Lower Primary...	1	35	44	35.9	32.2	89.7	0	44	5	0	1,128	93	2.8	20	4	16	71
	For 1894-95.....	.....	521.8	466	341	313	91.8	7	432	266	16	10,030	1292	4.1	498	65	209	804
	For 1893-94.....	.....	516.4	445	355	323	91.0	4	431	290	10	11,182	836	2.5	613	47	133	738





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## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1895.

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### *Town Clerk.*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT.

### *Selectmen.*

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,	. . .	Term expires March, 1896
JULIAN A. CAMERON, <i>Sec.</i> ,	. . .	Term expires March, 1897
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, <i>Chairman</i> ,		Term expires March, 1898

### *Assessors.*

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK,	. . .	Term expires March, 1896
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,	. . .	Term expires March, 1897
GEORGE H. HARTFORD, <i>Chairman</i> ,	.	Term expires March, 1898

### *Overseers of the Poor.*

ALVIN G. POLLEY,	. . .	Term expires March, 1896
HAMMETT D. WRIGHT, <i>Sec.</i> ,	. . .	Term expires March, 1897
WAYLAND F. BALCH, <i>Chairman</i> ,	. . .	Term expires March, 1898

### *Town Treasurer.*

NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

### *Collector of Taxes.*

WALTER C. WRIGHT.

### *Auditor.*

ARTHUR B. PLIMPTON.

### *Constables.*

ISAAC E. DAY,	EUGENE DEROEHN.
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### *Fence Viewers.*

ALVIN G. POLLEY,	LEWIS C. DANE,	ALMON S. VOSE.
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### *Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.*

THOMAS E. SYMMES,	HORACE E. GOULD,	W. W. JOHNSON,
	JOHN A. HEALY.	

### *Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

TRUE A. BEAN.



*Registrars of Voters.*

NELSON L. TUTTLE, <i>Chairman</i> ,	Term expires April 30, 1896
QUINCY W. DAY,	Term expires April 30, 1897
OSCAR R. SPALDING,	Term expires April 30, 1898
GILMAN J. WRIGHT, <i>Clerk, Ex-Officio.</i>	

*Superintendent of Streets.*

BENJAMIN F. DAY.

*Inspectors of Animals and Provisions.*

GEORGE T. DAY, ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.

The foregoing officers have all been sworn; of the following, only those marked by a star.

*Field Driver.*

CHARLES M. GRIFFIN.

*School Committee.*

FRANK H. HILDRETH,	Term expires March, 1896
ALFRED WOODBURY,	Term expires March, 1896
*ABIEL J. ABBOT, <i>Chairman</i> ,	Term expires March, 1897
*WAITER J. SLEEPER, <i>Secretary</i> .	Term expires March, 1897
*ALBERT R. CHOATE,	Term expires March, 1898
*ALTA M. TAYLOR,	Term expires March, 1898

No oath was required of members elected prior to 1894.

*Weighers of Coal.*

*C. E. WHIDDEN,	HENRY HEALY,	*E. H. WHIDDEN,
*J. M. FLETCHER,	*JOHN A. HEALY,	*MINOT A. BEAN,
	*W. H. JOHNSON.	

No oath is required of the remaining officers.

*Measurer of Grain.*

W. H. H. BURBECK.

*Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library.*

WILLIAM E. FROST,	Term expires March, 1896
MARGARET A. O'NEILL	Term expires March, 1897
KATE S. HAMLIN,	Term expires March, 1898

Miss Hamlin resigned early in the year and Julian A. Cameron was chosen to fill the vacancy until the next annual town meeting.

*Librarian.*

CARRIE E. READ.

*Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.*

ALLAN CAMERON,	Term expires March, 1896
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,	Term expires March, 1897
WILLIAM E. FROST,	Term expires March, 1898

*Board of Health.*THE SELECTMEN, *Ex Officio.**Agents of Board—*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT to issue burial permits.

JULIAN A. CAMERON for sanitary condition of town.

*Police Officers.*

AI BICKNELL,                      SANFORD KIERSTEAD,      SAMUEL H. BALCH,  
 HOWARD T. ADAMS,      W. E. PARSONS,                      HIRAM DANE.

*Fire Wards.*

WILBERT E. PARSONS,              JOHN A. HEALY,              A. R. LEIGHTON.

*Forest Fire Wards.*

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,              EDWARD PRESCOTT.

*Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers, Etc.*

GEORGE T. DAY.

*Undertaker.*

ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.

*Superintendent of Almshouse.*

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

*Janitor of Town House.*

AI BICKNELL.

*Appraisers of Property at Town Farm.*

NOAH PRESCOTT,              W. H. H. BURBECK,              SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.

# BIRTHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1895.*

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Oct. 8, '95	Berggren, Carl R. O.....	Olaus and Matilda.
Dec. 10,	Buckingham, Edward Caunter....	John H. and Elizabeth A. (Willis).
Apr. 8,	Burnham, Chester Arthur.....	Chester H. and Addie M. (Morse).
Aug. 5,	Cameron, Alexander Abbot.....	Julian A. and Lucy K. (Abbot).
May 9,	Case, Eva Lillian.....	Elisha E. and Mary E. (Liston).
Feb. 8,	Clement, Lena May.....	Peter E. and Mary E. (O'Connor).
Sep. 17,	Coburn, Olive Edith.....	Edward C. and Lillian I. (Hartshorn).
Apr. 3,	Comey, Hazel May.....	Arthur H. and Susannah (Mellor).
June 10,	Couture, Frederick.....	Chas. E. and Delerna (Penesno).
June 18,	Crockett, Ella Leona.....	Henry C. and Mary S. (Odell).
Sep. 3,	Demaris, George Michael.....	Geo. A. and Mary A. (Allard).
Mar. 27,	De Roehn, George.....	Geo. H. and Minnie E. (Healy).
Nov. 9,	De Roehn, John Elmer.....	Andrew J. and Mary Ann (Weaver.)
Nov. 7,	Dion, Mary Louise.....	Joseph L. and Viney (Leblanc).
Feb. 14,	Dow, Mary Marguerite.....	James M. and Maria E. (Fennell).
Dec 13,'94	Filiatreau, Edward.....	Isadore and Malvina (Boucher).
Jan. 22,'95	Fitzgerald, Hattie Esther.....	Thomas and Annie M.
Nov. 24,	Fletcher, Ralph Andrew.....	Herbert E. and Carrie D. (Hill).
Oct. 23,	Fletcher, Vernon Sargent....	Harry N. and Dora B. (Sargent).
Mar. 29,	Greenberg, Ruth.....	David and Marcie (Sattion).
Sep. 15,	Gustafson, Chester Wm.....	Eric W. and Ida S. (Johnson).
May 10,	Hamlin, Evelina Cortalyou .....	Charles A. and Lizzie G. (Kimball).
Dec. 12	Hartford, Hazel Beatrice.....	Alfred W. and Jennie A. (Hawkes).
June 16,	Hildreth, Leon Frederick.....	Herbert V. and Stella E. (Reed).
May 14,	Hill, Gladys Iola.....	George C. and Jennie C. (Dow).
Oct. 8,	Hodgson, Lillie May.....	James and Clara (Dracup).
Oct. 8,	Hodgson, Violet Alsie.....	James and Clara (Dracup).
Feb. 4,	Kabele, Leo Henry.....	Henry M. and Mary F. (Krouse).
July 27,	Kierstead, Alice Mildred. ....	Sanford L. and Alice E. (Baker).
Apr. 24,	Kyle, William George.....	Samuel A. and Mary A. (Stirk).
Oct. 10,	LeClerc, Carrie Louise.....	Felix and Caroline (Clouthier).
Feb. 14,	Lovell, Sarah Gertrude.....	Edwin and Minnie (Daly).
Aug. 10,	McDonald, Mary Madeline.....	Angus and Margaret E. (McNiff).
Jan. 2,	McGown, Dorothy Gertrude.....	Andrew B. and Mary (Morgan).
Dec. 5,	Mills, Ethel.....	Herbert H. and Rose E. (Millis).
Jan. 31,	O'Brien, Rose Anna.....	James H. and Annie (Dunn).
June 25,	Richardson, Ethel.....	Leroy W. and Euphemia C. (Harris).
July 8,	Savenier, Severine.....	Napoleon and Athanein (Rabbashaw).
Oct. 3,	Sears (or Cyr), Oscar H.....	Joseph H. and Sophia E. (Brussard).
July 2,	Sherburne, Harry Jefferson.....	George J. and Ada A. (Blodgett).
Dec. 13,	Shugrue, Julia.....	Charles F. and Rose A. (Rushworth).
Oct. 3,	Stancomb, Ida May.....	James and Florence L. (Warren).
Nov. 14,	Sullivan, Daniel.....	John and Nora.
May 11,	Valentine, John.....	Benj. and Mary E. (Fitzgerald).
June 10,	Veavivill, Mary Severine.....	Alsie and Annie (Rabbashaw).
Nov. 19,	Vinal, Roscoe Amos.....	Charles E. and Lizzie (Davis).
Dec. 8,	Whigham, Harold.....	Thomas and Annie (O'Connor).
Nov. 9,	Whitney, Ethel Maud.....	Julian and Sarah (Gray).
May 21,	Wild, Mary.....	James F. and Elizabeth A. (Armatage).
Aug. 20,	Woods, Albert Wilder.....	William L. and Carrie L. (Fifield).
June 18,	Woodward, Harold Moses.....	Henry D. and Carrie E. (Whitney).
	Two omitted.	

Number recorded, 52; males, 24; females, 28; born in Westford, 50. Two were born in Chelmsford whose parents removed to Westford soon after their birth. Of American parentage, 21; foreign parentage, 16; American father and foreign mother, 9; American mother and foreign father, 6. The birth of Edward Filiatreau, Dec. 13, 1894, was recorded with the births of that year, but too late for insertion in last year's report. This makes the number of births in 1894, 45.

Correction of last year's report: The true name of the child of Edward C. Wood is Chester Edward Wood.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

# MARRIAGES

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1895.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Dec. 25,	Allard, Edward.....	21	Westford.....	Cambridge.....
	Dion, Mary Jennie.....	17	".....	Canada.....
Sep. 11,	Bacon, George W.....	22	Lowell.....	Sunderland, Vt..
	Ingalls, Nellie F.....	18	Westford.....	Tyngsborough.....
May 9,	Boynton, Edson Grant.....	26	".....	Manchester, N.H.
	Read, Cornelia Ada.....	30	".....	Westford.....
Apr. 21,	Cantin, Phill.....	26	".....	Canada.....
	Millow, Folorene.....	17	".....	".....
May 25,	Carriick, William.....	41	".....	England.....
	Procter, Alice.....	27	".....	".....
Oct 1,	Chamberland, Harmidas.....	21	".....	Canada.....
	Payez, Mariloise.....	19	".....	".....
May 19,	Default, Edward.....	44	".....	".....
	Richards, Mary (De Sague).....	24	Providence, R. I.	".....
Sep. 7,	Defoe, Edward.....	22	Westford.....	Lowell.....
	McCarty, Bella.....	22	".....	Boston.....
Sep. 2,	Demers, Adanias.....	23	".....	Province Quebec.
	Bouffard, Mary.....	20	".....	Canada.....
June 26	Durgin, Walter Herbert.....	24	Chelsea.....	Boston.....
	Dane, Maud Alice.....	21	Westford.....	Westford.....
Aug. 31	Farrar, George M.....	49	".....	New Brunswick..
	Pinkerton, Annie.....	29	".....	England.....
Mar. 29,	Flavell, Charles E.....	23	Groton.....	Groton.....
	Dane, Florence A.....	18	Westford.....	Westford.....
Sep. 4,	Flavell, Henry Theron.....	25	Groton.....	Dedham.....
	Cheever, Martha Ann.....	18	Westford.....	Dracut.....
Feb. 12,	Griffin, Charles Matthew.....	35	".....	Westford.....
	Collins, Nellie Meltia.....	25	".....	Merrimack, N. H.
Sep. 11,	Hartford, Alfred W.....	20	".....	Townsend.....
	Hawkes, Jennie A.....	18	".....	Westford.....
Sep. 18,	Hindle, Frank.....	51	".....	England.....
	Mann, Ella (Surine).....	38	".....	Fishkill, N. Y.
Sep. 11,	Hutchins, Samuel Madison.....	53	".....	Carlisle.....
	McGowan, Lizzie Frances.....	45	Lowell.....	Exeter, N. H.....
Feb. 24,	Jarvis, Alexander.....	21	Westford.....	New York, N. Y.
	Barlow, Rosie.....	19	".....	Canada.....
Nov. 27,	Kimball, George Allen.....	25	Littleton.....	Littleton.....
	Wilson, Annie E.....	25	Westford.....	Westford.....
Oct. 27,	Lamprond, Arture.....	21	".....	Louisville, Can.
	Cote, Amanda.....	16	".....	Three Rivers, Can.
July 24,	Lorman, Robert Emery.....	23	".....	Tangier, N. S.....
	Farrar, Mary Bertha.....	18	".....	Newington, N. H.
Sep. 24,	Marshall, Josiah E.....	21	".....	Lewiston, Me.....
	MacGregor, Bertha May.....	20	".....	Aroostook, Me.....
Aug. 25	Mills, Herbert Hugh.....	22	".....	Lowell.....
	Millis, Emma Rose.....	19	".....	Westford.....
July 14,	Milot, Odilon.....	21	".....	Province Quebec.
	Lamproy, Jaenne.....	19	".....	".....
Aug. 28	Moosekian, Nazaret.....	40	".....	Armenia.....
	Kalousdian, Anna M.....	30	".....	".....
Apr. 28,	Nussey, George.....	23	".....	Nova Scotia.....
	Berry, Hannah Maria.....	21	".....	England.....
Sep. 9,	Prescott, Crawford E.....	24	".....	Westford.....
	Whitcomb, Flora A.....	24	Stow.....	Stow.....
Oct. 7,	Prescott, Lyman W.....	29	Lowell.....	Williamsb'g, Me.
	Smith, Adeline (Odell).....	27	Westford.....	New Brunswick..
June 4,	Provost, Henry.....	27	".....	Canada.....
	Larkin, Mary A.....	26	".....	Lowell.....
Jan. 5,	Rothbaum, Max.....	22	".....	Germany.....
	Dorfman, Rose.....	18	".....	".....
May 2,	Sargent, Charles G.....	23	".....	Westford.....
	Smith, Maude E.....	20	Lowell.....	Lowell.....
Jan. 29,	Sherwood, John H.....	26	Athol.....	England.....
	Voto, Susie.....	19	Westford.....	St. John, N. B.....
Oct. 30,	Sweetser, Warren P.....	35	".....	Westford.....
	Harrap, Jessie.....	25	".....	England.....
Jan. 29,	Turner, Robert O.....	28	Chelmsford.....	Leeds, Can.....
	West, Laura.....	24	Westford.....	Concord.....
May 23,	Whigham, Thomas J.....	22	".....	Scotland.....
	O'Connor, Annie T.....	20	".....	Springfield.....
June 29	Whigham, William.....	49	".....	Scotland.....
	McCarter, Maggie (McCruden).....	39	Yonkers, N. Y.....	".....
Dec. 30,	Woodbury, Ralph Ernest.....	23	Westford.....	Westford.....
	McLeod, Hattie Kimball.....	21	Topsfield.....	Danvers.....
	Three omitted.			

Number of marriages recorded.....	40	American groom and foreign bride.....	4
Number solemnized in Westford.....	24	American bride and foreign groom.....	6
Westford grooms.....	32	Second marriage of groom.....	9
Westford brides.....	34	Second marriage of bride.....	4
Between Americans.....	17	Solemnized by Westford clergymen.....	24
Between foreigners.....	13		

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, Town Clerk.



# DEATHS

*Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1895.*

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Ys.	Ms.	Ds.
May 26	Anderson, Richard—resident of Lowell.....	25	..	..
Sept. 3	Bailey, John—resident of Lowell .....	59	11	17
Jan. 6	Bailey, Joseph Herbert—resident of Portland, Me.....	23	6	20
Sept. 16	Bean, Mary A. (Blake)—wife of True A.....	85	9	11
Dec. 15	Beuffard, ————dau. of Ralph and Rose (Bellrose).....	..	..	..
Feb. 21	Blodgett, Harold V.—resident of Groton.....	..	5	16
Sept. 2	Boudreau, Armidos—son of George and Mary (Richards) .....	10	..	..
Feb. 8	Butterfield, Jannette (Corruth)—wid. of Leonard S.....	67	..	..
Aug. 4	Cahill, Henry.....	20	..	..
July 30	Callahan, Hannorah (Halloran)—wife of John.....	60	..	..
June 20	Carmichael, David—son of John and Jane (Barnet).....	60	3	23
June 17	Conley, Catherine (O'Brien)—wid. of John.....	75	..	..
Mar 14	Cote, Agele L, Fair—dau. of John.....	..	8	..
Dec 28	Couture, Charles Jr.—son of Charles and Dememes (Parson).....	14	11	..
Jan. 28	Cummings, Sarah C.—dau. of Timothy and Elizabeth (Whitman) ..	82	2	7
Oct. 3	Cyr (or Sears), Oscar H.—son of Joseph H. and Sophia (Broussard)	..	..	..
Oct. 7	Dunn, Thomas.....	64	..	..
Nov. 15	Gilson, Samuel S.—son of Solomon and Mercy (Wyman) .....	66	10	6
Oct. 5	Gustafson, Chester Wm.—son of E. Wm. and Ida (Johnson) .....	..	..	21
April 20	Hamlin, Harriet (Fletcher)—wid. of Nathan S.....	94	8	20
Sept. 22	Head, Marion Frances—dau. of Chas. A. and Mary E. (Morrissey) ..	1	..	23
Feb. 25	Healy, Frank S.—son of John A. and Lizzie (Sullivan).....	..	5	18
Nov. 6	Hodgdon, Jane (Fitzsimmons)—wid. of Aaron.....	92	6	..
Nov. 13	Irish, Edward E.—son of George F. and Ella (Bemis).....	19	6	8
Sept. 22	Jeffroy, Addie L. (Gilson)—resident of Lowell.....	32	11	21
April 25	Leland, Henry—son of Joseph and Louisa (Reed).....	44	8	11
Mar. 19	Marston, Andrew B.—son of John and Abigail.....	74	6	..
May 26	McGlinchey, John—son of James and Ellen (Morris).....	31	..	..
April 9	McLenna, Edna Viola—dau. of Alvin A. and Lillian (Spalding)....	..	4	3
Aug. 5	Nesmith, Nancy H. (Osgood)—resident of Lowell.....	74	5	15
Sept. 2	Nesmith, Robert D.—resident of Lowell.....	78	..	..
Dec. 25	Northrup, Albert S—son of Adine and Eliza (Henson) .....	31	11	10
Aug. 14	Noyes, Eliza (Huse)—wid. of Benjamin A.....	80	7	28
June 24	Osgood, Ellen A.—resident of Lowell.....	55	2	17
Sept. 27	O'Fool, Patrick.....	86	..	..
Aug. 2	Peabody, Isaac—resident of Lowell.....	80	3	..
June 19	Price, Leo D.—resident of Lowell .....	14	10	14
Dec. 20	Shugrue, Julia—dau. of Charles F. and Rose A. (Rushworth).....	..	..	7
Aug. 4	Skelton, Joseph H.—resident of Carlisle.....	23	1	5
July 31	Splain, Patrick—son of Daniel and Margaret (Murphy) .....	51	..	..
Feb. 21	Sweatt, Demaris (Jackman)—wid. of Samuel.....	88	5	11
Dec. 18	Sweetser, George N.—son of Nathaniel and Esther (Fletcher).....	41	5	29
May 26	Talbot, ————dau. of Joseph and Lucy (Sherbert).....	..	..	..
May 12	Valentine, John—son of Benjamin and Mary E. (Fitzgerald).....	..	..	1
June 18	Vervill, Alvina—dau. of Acil and Annie (Rabishaw).....	..	..	7
Mar. 22	Wilkerson, Louis—son of Julian and Rachel (Hoyt).....	..	11	15
Aug. 4	Wilkins, John Percy—resident of Carlisle.....	17	7	10
July 12	Wright, Varnum B—resident of Leominster.....	61	8	2
Aug. 22	Wright, Wilbur Fiske—resident of Nashua, N. H.....	58	4	7
Jan. 8	Young, Charles T.—resident of Ridgeway, Ore.....	70	..	..

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded .....	31	19	50
Number of deaths in town.....	20	17	37
Residents of Westford. ....	19	16	35
Non-residents brought to town for interment.....	8	2	10
Number of interments in town .....	19	11	30

Five persons who died in town were residents of other places. Three residents of town died in other places.

Causes of death of persons who died in this town, and residents of this town who died in other places: Accidental drowning, 5; phthisis, old age, 3 each; consumption, inanition, tuberculosis, premature bir h, railroad accident, 2 each; paralysis, pneumonia and meningitis, congestion of stomach, la grippe and pneumonia, hydrocephalus, broncho pneumonia, pneumonia, nephritis, heart disease, senile dementia, convulsions, protracted and instrumental delivery, marasmus, dysentery, Bright's disease, senile gangrene, calcification of arteries, still-birth, internal hemorrhage, congestion of lungs, 1 each.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*



#### NOTE.

All persons interested are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and if any errors are noted, or if there be omissions, that they be reported to the Town Clerk in writing, that the records may be perfected.

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may involve much trouble in the future.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 30, 1895 :

138 males at \$2.00.....	\$276 00
4 females at \$5.00.....	20 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$296 00</b>
Deduct Clerk's fees, 142 licenses at 20 cents each.....	28 40

Balance paid into county treasury.....	\$267 60
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For which the receipts of the County Treasurer are on file.

Of the foregoing licenses 1 (male) was for the year ending April 30, 1895.

Number licensed since last return, Nov. 29, 1895, 4 (males).

Number licensed for year ending April 30, 1896, males, 141 ; females, 4 ; total, 145.

Number returned by Assessors : Males, 144 ; females 2 ; total 146.

## OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES SINCE LAST REPORT, FEB. 8, 1895.

Abbot, Abiel J.	Carrick, Thomas	Eno, Alfred
Abbot, John W.	Carver, Gertrude E.	Farrar, Charles F.
Adams, Charles L.	Carver, William R.	Felch, John P. (2)
Adams, Howard T.	Casey, Daniel	Field, Adelbert L.
Balch, Samuel H.	Catchpole, Henry	Fifield, George H. (2)
Balser, A. W.	Caunter, J. W. (2)	Flagg, Elbert H.
Bannister, F. W.	Cheever, Jacob	Fletcher, Harry N.
Bean, Mary A.	Clement, Peter	Fletcher, Henry A. (3)
Bemis, Henry S.	Comey, Arthur H.	Fletcher, J. Willard
Berry, James	Crossland, Mary	Fraser, James E.
Blaisdell, Alvin J.	Cummings, Charles M.	Furbush, Frank L.
Blodgett, Josiah W.	Cummings, E. M. (Fem.)	Gilson, George Q.
Blodgett, Wilford G.	Davis, Alfred S.	Gilson, Levi S.
Blood, Napoleon B.	Day, George T.	Gould, Horace E.
Boulanger, James O.	Day, Isaac E.	Gould, Warren J.
Bufford, Ralph	Decatur, C. R. P.	Greig, David L.
Burbeck, E. T.	Decatur, John H.	Griffin, Charles M.
Butterworth, Wm. L.	Decatur, Joshua C.	Haley, John
Callahan, John	DeRoehn, Eugene	Hall, John
Carkin, George F.	Desjardines, Oliver	Harrington, Henry
Carkin, Isaac W.	Drew, Frank C.	Hartford, George H.
Carkin, Warren E.	Eastman, Chas. H.	Hawkes, Wesley O.
Carmichael, James H.	Eaton, Ward W.	Healy, Bridget

Healy, John A.  
 Heywood, Albert W.  
 Hildreth, Herbert V.  
 Hill, George W.  
 Holt, Arthur S.  
 Howard, Calvin L.  
 Hutchins, Stephen E.  
 Ingalls, George W. (2)  
 King, Albert  
 Krouse, Louis  
 Leland, Edward  
 Marshall, Josiah E.  
 Martin, Fred  
 McDonald, Angus  
 McGlinchey, James  
 McMarster, John  
 Merritt, Walter J. (Fem.)  
 Moore, E. A.  
 Morrison, James  
 Morse, French M.  
 Mountain, Ernest G. (2)  
 Murphy, Henry J.  
 Nesmith, Mrs G. W. (Fem.)

Nesmith, Harry L.  
 Nickless, Maud  
 Nutting, B. F.  
 O'Brien, James  
 O'Brien, James, 2d  
 O'Brien, James H.  
 O'Brien, John  
 O'Sullivan, Thomas  
 Paige, A. M.  
 Palmer, Jennie  
 Petherick, William  
 Polley, Alvin G.  
 Prescott, Wallie  
 Putney, Lucia  
 Quist, Axel F.  
 Records, Lizzie J.  
 Records, Thomas  
 Sargent, Allan C.  
 Sargent, Charles G.  
 Sargent, F. G.  
 Searles, Charles J.  
 Seifer, William  
 Spillane, Patrick

Splaine, Daniel E.  
 Stephan, Reinhold  
 Swanson, Noah (Fem.)  
 Sweatt, Fred A.  
 Sweatt, Mrs. S. D.  
 Sweetser, Judson F.  
 Sweetser, Warren P.  
 Tallant, E. W.  
 Valentine, Mary  
 Vose, William M.  
 Wall, Christina  
 Whigham, Wm.  
 Whitaker, Christopher  
 Whitney, Sidney D.  
 Whitney, Wm. M.  
 Wild, James T.  
 Wilson, Arthur  
 Wright, Andrew S.  
 Wright, Charles H.  
 Wright, Frank C.  
 Wright, Walter C.  
 Wright, Willey M.  
 York, Agnes.

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

February 6, 1896.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1895.

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held in the Town House, March 18, 1895, the following business was transacted:

1st. The Town Clerk appointed Julian A. Cameron, Teller, to serve during the election of Moderator, and he was sworn by said Clerk. J. Henry Read was elected Moderator.

2d. Voted, that the compensation of the Tax Collector be one per cent. on the amount he collects.

3d. The Selectmen appointed William H. H. Burbeck and James L. Kimball Ballot Clerks, and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk, and received from him the official ballots and gave their receipt therefor.

4th. The Moderator appointed Lewis C. Dane and T. Arthur E. Wilson Tellers, and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk, and took charge of the check list and ballot box, respectively.

5th. The meeting then proceeded to vote for the officers named in the warrant, and also on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Before the commencement of voting the ballot box was opened and found to be empty, the register standing on zero. On one ballot the bell gave two extra strokes; on another, one extra stroke. The Moderator appointed Samuel L. Taylor, Leonard W. Wheeler, C. R. P. Decatur and A. R. Leighton, Tellers, and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

At the close of balloting the register indicated 242.

Number of names checked on ballot box list, 239.

Number of names checked on ballot clerk's list, 239.

Number of ballots cast (by count), 239.

James L. Kimball, William H. H. Burbeck, Samuel L. Taylor and Lewis C. Dane were appointed Tellers, and were sworn by the Town Clerk.

At this point, agreeably to a vote of the meeting, the remaining articles were acted upon during the progress of counting the votes for the different candidates.

6th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Selectmen as printed.

7th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards as printed.

8th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

9th. Voted, to accept the report of the School Committee as printed.

10th. Voted, to accept and adopt the Report of the Trustees of the Public Library as printed. The Report recommends that one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) be raised and appropriated for the purchase of books during the ensuing year.

11th. Voted, to accept and adopt the Report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds as printed. The Report recommends that three hundred dollars (\$300) be raised and appropriated for public cemeteries for the ensuing year.

12th. Voted, to accept the Report of the Auditor as printed.

13th. Voted, to excuse Charles Edwards and Frederick Martin from serving as Jurors.

14th. Voted, to add the names of French M. Morse and John K. Felch to the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

15th. Voted, to accept the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, which list, as amended by the last two preceding votes, contains the following names: Francis W. Banister, Josiah W. Blodgett, Edson G. Boynton, Augustus Bunce, William H. H. Burbeck, George W. Bussey, George F. Carkin, Quincy W. Day, Jeremiah Desmond, Frank C. Drew, Elbert H. Flagg, Allen B. Gould, Horace E. Gould, David L. Greig, Edwin E. Heywood, Frank C. Hildreth, Samuel M. Hutchins, Walter J. Merritt, Harry L. Nesmith, Wilbert E. Parsons, Nathan Prescott, Thomas E. Symmes, Samuel L. Taylor, Leonard W. Wheeler, Hiram Whitney, Abel C. Whittier, Hammett D. Wright, French M. Morse, John K. Felch.

16th. Voted, to raise and appropriate thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3500) to repair roads and bridges.

17th. Voted, to raise and appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3000) for town debts and charges.

18th. Voted, to raise and appropriate fifty-two hundred dollars (\$5200) for public schools.

19th. Voted, to raise and appropriate twenty-eight hundred dollars (\$2800) for support of poor.

20th. Voted, to raise and appropriate four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450) for school text books and supplies.



21st. In regard to Article 17, which was "To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time to meet the demands on the Treasury and act in relation to the same," the Town voted to give such authority to the Town Treasurer.

22d. Voted, that the taxes of those who pay only a poll tax be payable at sight, and all other taxes shall be payable on the first day of January next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall charge interest on such taxes overdue, at the rate of seven per centum per annum, and collect the same according to law.

There shall be allowed a discount on all taxes assessed of five (5) per cent. if paid on or before Oct. 1st, and three (3) per cent. if paid on or before Dec. 1st next, if the whole tax assessed to them is paid at one time. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Tax Collector within five days after the first days of October and December, and said Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all money he may have received, within seven days after the said first days of October and December.

And, furthermore, the Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Collector between the fifteenth and twentieth days of February next, and the Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all money he may have received within five days after the said twentieth day of February. And the Assessors are instructed to complete the assessment of taxes on or before July 1st next, and issue their warrant to the Collector of Taxes, with a list of persons assessed with their place of abode, within five days after said first day of July.

23d. Chose the following officers by hand vote :

Field Driver: Charles M. Griffin.

Fence Viewers: Alvin G. Polley, Lewis C. Dane, Almon S. Vose.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, and Surveyors of Lumber: Thomas E. Symmes, W. W. Johnson, Horace E. Gould, John A. Healy.

24th. Voted to appropriate fifty dollars (\$50) to commemorate Memorial Day.

25th. Voted that the town of Westford build a Public Library building.

26th. After the reading of the 22d article, the following letter was read to the meeting :

Boston, March 15th, 1895.

Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher, Westford, Mass.

Dear Sir:—It has been my intention for a long while to do something for my native town in the line of aiding in the erec-

tion of a suitable library building. I have just read the report in the latest town records, relative to the matter, and I notice with pleasure that a suitable site of land for this purpose has been secured. I hereby authorize you to offer at the coming Town Meeting, in my name, a donation of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000) for this purpose; the plans, etc., for the building, to be submitted to me for my approval, and the same to be satisfactory to me.

Yours truly,

J. V. FLETCHER.

With great enthusiasm and practical unanimity, the meeting voted to accept the generous offer of Hon. J. V. Fletcher.

27th. Voted, to authorize the Treasurer to borrow on the credit of the Town, the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be expended for the purpose of building a Public Library Building, which sum shall be paid as follows: Five hundred dollars (\$500) out of the taxes of the year 1896. and five hundred dollars (\$500) out of the taxes of each succeeding year until said loan is fully paid.

28th. Voted, that Sherman H. Fletcher, George W. Heywood, Julian A. Cameron, William E. Frost, Dr. Walter J. Sleeper, George T. Day, Albert P. Richardson and Herbert V. Hildreth be a Committee to contract and erect a Public Library Building.

29th. Voted, to dismiss the 24th article, relating to precinct voting.

30th. Voted, to appropriate fifty dollars (\$50) for the purpose of placing a marker of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the grave of each Revolutionary soldier buried in this town; the cost of such markers not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) each.

31st. Voted, to appropriate fifty dollars (\$50) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in the villages of Graniteville and Forge Village.

32d. Voted, that the Town House, Almshouse, School Houses No. 1, No. 3 and No. 10 and the Public Library be kept insured.

33d. Voted, to accept the price list of the Selectmen for the use of the Town House.

34th. Voted, to give the Westford Grange the use of the upper Town Hall two evenings a month for one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per evening.

35th. Voted, to dismiss the 29th article, in relation to giving the use of the Town Hall to the Loyal Temperance Legion.

36th. Voted, to dismiss the 30th article in relation to giving the use of the Town Hall to the Junior Loyal Temperance Legion.

37th. Voted, to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100) to be used for the transportation of scholars.

38th. Voted, to authorize the School Committee to change the designation of the schools from numbers to names.

39th. Voted, to dismiss the 33d article, in relation to paying for the services of a police officer in the vicinity of Long-Sought-For Pond.

40th. Voted, that Hon. J. V. Fletcher of Belmont be informed that we, inhabitants of his native Town of Westford, in Town Meeting assembled voted to tender him our sincere thanks for his generous gift of \$10,000 to aid in erecting a Library Building.

That we desire to express to him our recognition of the lasting benefit conferred upon us, and those coming after us, by his unexpected and welcome gift.

That we earnestly hope he may live many years and see the good influence exerted over our Town by reason of the large opportunity for reading and improvement afforded us by this new Library Building.

That it be called the J. V. Fletcher Library.

That the Selectmen have the above vote properly engrossed and forwarded to Mr. Fletcher.

41st. The ballots for town officers were sorted and counted, and the following persons were found to have received a plurality of votes and were declared to be elected :

TOWN CLERK—Gilman J. Wright. Sworn by Moderator.

SELECTMAN—Sherman H. Fletcher. Sworn by Town Clerk.

ASSESSOR—George H. Hartford.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—Wayland F. Balch. Sworn by the Town Clerk.

TOWN TREASURER—Nahum H. Wright.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—Walter C. Wright.

AUDITOR—Arthur B. Plimpton.

CONSTABLES—Isaac E. Day, Eugene DeRoehn. Mr. DeRoehn sworn by the Town Clerk.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Albert R. Choate, Alta M. Taylor. Mr Choate sworn by the Town Clerk.

TRUSTEE OF TOWN LIBRARY—Kate S. Hamlin.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS—William E. Frost.

The question of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors was decided in the negative, the vote standing, yes, 63; no, 158.

42d. Voted, to accept the minutes of the meeting.

43d. Voted, to adjourn.

J. HENRY READ, *Moderator*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*



## SPECIAL MEETING.

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held in the Town House, June 1, 1895, the following business was transacted:

1st. Voted, to choose a Moderator by nomination from the floor.

2d. Chose Arthur Wright Moderator.

3d. Voted, that the School Committee be, and hereby are, authorized to make and enter into such an agreement as, in their judgment, may seem best with the Trustees of the Westford Academy, for the purpose of temporarily furnishing a High School education to such children as are fitted, and who reside with their parents or guardians in said town, until a permanent arrangement shall be made and entered into for otherwise furnishing such High School education, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

4th. Voted, that the School Committee be, and hereby are, authorized to make, enter into and sign a contract in the name of the inhabitants of the town with the Trustees of the Westford Academy, for the furnishing of a High School education to such children as are fitted, and who reside with their parents or guardians in said town, for such a period of time, not to exceed ten years, as may, in their judgment, seem best and expedient, and at a cost of not more than fifteen hundred dollars per year for the tuition of any number of scholars not exceeding sixty, and at such a price in excess of said fifteen hundred dollars for the tuition of each and every scholar over and above said number of sixty as, in their judgment, may seem just and proper, and to defray the costs and expenses of said tuition from money appropriated by said town of Westford for such school purposes.

5th. Voted, that the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$225) be appropriated for school text books and supplies, under the proposed arrangement with the Trustees of Westford Academy.

6th. Voted, to authorize the Selectmen to remove the fence around the town common, and that the disposition of the posts be left discretionary with the Selectmen.

7th. Voted, to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for the building of any State highways within the limits of the town.

8th. Voted, to instruct the Assessors to have printed in the next town report, for distribution, the valuation of the town as taken by them this year.

9th. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

10th. Voted, to dissolve the meeting.

ARTHUR WRIGHT, *Moderator.*

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*



## STATE ELECTION, NOV. 5, 1895.

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### Abstract of record of vote of Town of Westford.

#### Whole number of ballots cast :

By men.....	308
By women.....	11

#### Governor:

Elbridge Gerry Brown, of Brockton.....	2
Frederic T. Greenhalge, of Lowell.....	205
Edward Kendall, of Cambridge.....	14
George Fred Williams, of Dedham.....	71
Blanks.....	16

#### Lieutenant Governor:

Thomas C. Buddington, of Springfield.....	1
James S. Grinnell, of Greenfield.....	71
Edward S. Rogers, of Lee.....	15
Roger Wolcott, of Boston.....	203
Blanks.....	18

#### Secretary:

Edward J. Flynn, of Boston.....	70
Charles D. Nash, of Whitman.....	5
William M. Olin, of Boston.....	197
Willard O. Wylie, of Essex.....	14
Blanks.....	22

#### Treasurer :

Martin W. Moran, of Boston.....	1
Wilbur M. Purrington, of Williamsburg.....	15
Edward P. Shaw, of Newburyport.....	200
Eben S. Stevens, of Dudley.....	70
Charles N. Wentworth, of Lynn.....	3
Blanks.....	19

#### Auditor :

John W. Kimball, of Fitchburg.....	199
Andrew H. Paton, of Danvers.....	2
Herman T. Regnell, of Attleborough.....	14
Alfred C. Whitney, of Boston.....	70
Blanks.....	23

**Attorney General:**

Frank M. Forbush, of Natick.....	15
Henry F. Hurlburt, of Lynn.....	71
Hosea M. Knowlton, of New Bedford.....	198
Squire E. Putney, of Somerville.....	2
Conrad Reno, of Boston.....	2
Blanks.....	20

**Councillor:**

John M. Harlow, of Woburn.....	209
Oliver A. Libby, of Lowell.....	72
Blanks.....	27

**Senator:**

George J. Burns, of Ayer.....	207
James H. Connolly, of Woburn.....	71
Blanks.....	30

**Representative in General Court:**

Avander N. Blood, of Pepperell.....	206
Andrew Jackson Woodward, of Dunstable.....	76
Hiram Leland.....	1
Judson Sweetser.....	1
Blanks.....	24

**District Attorney:**

Freeman Hunt, of Cambridge.....	70
Fred N. Wier, of Lowell.....	206
Blanks.....	32

**County Commissioner:**

Francis Bigelow, of Natick.....	201
Peter A. Fay, of Lowell.....	75
Blanks.....	32

**Special Commissioners:**

Lyman Dike, of Stoughton.....	185
John A. Gately, of Lowell.....	60
Edward E. Thompson, of Woburn.....	145
Fred W. Trowbridge, 2d, of Hudson.....	57
Blanks.....	169

**Sheriff:**

Henry G. Cushing, of Lowell.....	211
Frank J. Simonds, of Lowell.....	68
Blanks.....	29

**Municipal Suffrage for Women:**

Yes: men, 91; women, 11.....	
No: men, 134; women, 0.....	
Blanks, 83.....	

Return of votes for Representative in General Court for Middlesex district No. 31.

	Dunsta- ble.	Groton.	Pepper- ell.	West- ford.	Total.
Avander N. Blood, of Pepperell..	50	166	346	206	768
Andrew Jackson Woodward, of Dunstable.....	39	63	135	76	313
Hiram Leland.....				1	1
Judson Sweetser.....				1	1
Blanks.....	8	15	25	24	72
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Whole number of ballots....	97	244	506	308	1155
Blood's plurality, 455.					

GILMAN J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WESTFORD, MASS., February 29, 1896.

The Treasurer of Westford submits the following report:

### RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand.....	\$ 1,871 88
To cash borrowed .....	16,500 00
From state corporation tax, 1895.....	2,876 61
Bank tax.....	665 30
Soldiers' families, 1894 .....	1,207 00
Indigent soldiers, 1894.....	146 00
School fund, 1894-95.....	269 20
Burial of John A. York.....	35 00
Armory rent, 1895.....	175 00
County treasurer, dog tax.....	254 22
Ai Bicknell, janitor town hall.....	148 50
Walter C. Wright, collector of taxes, 1893 .....	249 79
" " " " " 1894 .....	1,100 41
" " " " before Oct. 1, 1895.	13,186 30
" " " " Dec. 1, 1895.	1,306 08
" " " " after " " "	775 92
" " " interest on tax, 1893. ....	25 02
" " " " " 1894 .....	52 12
" " " " " 1895. ....	41
Income library funds.....	63 00
Carrie E. Read, catalogues sold.....	2 00
" " Academy supplies sold.....	29 20
" " school supplies sold.....	6 19
On account of Superintendent of Schools.....	500 00
State treasurer, on account paupers.....	36 55
City of Lowell, on account paupers.....	31 80
Town of Tyngsboro, on account paupers.....	58 50
J. Henry Read, board of John Green.....	108 00
Mabel Drew, broken glass, school No. 1.....	50
Fred Robinson, license pool room.....	4 00
George T. Day, old town reports.....	2 50
Quincy W. Day, old town reports.....	3 09
John M. Fletcher, old town reports.....	1 23
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<b>\$41,680 32</b>

*Amount brought forward*..... \$41,680 32

Alec Fisher, butcher's license.....	1 00
John J. Sheehan, butcher's license.....	1 00
N. L. Tuttle, slate.....	50
Alvan Fisher, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
B. & M. R. R., fighting fires.....	1 70
C. & M. R. R., fighting fires.....	7 84
Clerk of First District Court, fines.....	15 94
Issie Parker, book.....	34
Commissioners of Public Cemeteries.....	113 48
Town of Groton, tuition of scholars.....	17 00
Town of Ayer, on account paupers.....	3 00
Gift to library, Mrs. L. L. Tappan.....	1 00
Gift to library, Mrs. Mary Tappan Wright.....	1 00
Gift to library, Mrs. J. A. Jones.....	2 00

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\$41,859 12

PAYMENTS.

By cash, notes and interest.....	\$15,950 60
State tax.....	825 00
County tax.....	1,302 51
Overseers of Poor.....	2,903 85
Orders for incidental expenses.....	11,526 51
On account of schools.....	5,807 22
On account of library.....	640 22
On account of tuition, Academy.....	726 00
Cash on hand.....	2,177 21

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\$41,859 12

NAHUM H. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*



## ASSESSORS REPORT.

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### ABATEMENT OF TAXES, AS ORDERED BY THE ASSESSORS.

1893.

Bennett, Fred.....	\$2 00
Cadman, Charles A.....	2 00
Gilson, Samuel S.....	2 00
Hall, Charles H.....	2 24
Hanson, John.....	2 00
Hunter, Andrew.....	2 00
Hunter, John.....	3 48
Leland, Henry.....	2 00
Lorman, W. H. & S. J.....	6 78
McNaughton, Robert.....	2 00

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\$26 50

1894.

Allard, James.....	\$2 00
Allard, Joseph.....	2 00
Bouthier, James.....	2 00
Brady, William.....	2 00
Carlen, Otto.....	2 00
Carrick, Frank.....	2 00
Carroll, John.....	2 00
Caulback, Charles.....	2 00
Caulberg, Charles J.....	2 00
Collins, Albert E.....	2 00
Collins, Fred.....	2 00
Colson, Charles.....	2 00
Caugle, Alfred.....	2 00
Caugle, Charles.....	2 00
Dearborn, Asa.....	2 00
Desmond, William.....	2 00
Duchette, Andrew.....	2 00
Featherstone, John.....	2 00
Gilson, Samuel.....	2 00
Gould, Allen B.....	1 13
Graham, William.....	2 00
Haley, Michael H.....	2 00
Harrington, Joshua.....	2 00
Hughes, John.....	2 00

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*Amount carried forward.....* \$73 63

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$73 63
Keefe, Daniel.....	2 00
Leland, Henry.....	2 00
Lynch, John.....	2 00
McNaughton, Robert.....	2 00
McNeil, William.....	2 00
Paine, Michael.....	2 00
Peebles, Jason E.....	2 00
Perkins, Joseph.....	2 00
Putney, Samuel F.....	67
Reed, Charles.....	2 15
Reed, Thomas C.....	2 00
Renard, Nestor.....	2 00
Spaulding, C. W.....	2 00
Sullivan, Patrick.....	2 00
Sweetser, Herbert A.....	2 00
Talbot, George.....	2 00
Thompson, Fred.....	2 00
Tillotson, Samuel.....	2 00
Troute, Israel.....	2 38
Whittemore, Ernest.....	2 00
Whittier, James W.....	2 00
Wilson, William M.....	2 00
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	\$90 33

## ERRORS 1895.

Alward, Mortimer.....	\$2 00
Brewster, Thomas.....	2 00
Bucco, Dreon.....	2 00
Dion, Joseph.....	2 00
Frost, Francis A.....	2 00
Hanley, John J.....	2 00
Vickery, D. heirs of.....	59
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\$12 59

## REAL ESTATE TAX 1894.

Bennett, Joseph, Lowell.....	2 40
Sweetser, C. W., Chelmsford.....	4 73

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\$7 13

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\$136 55

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

#### TOWN TREASURER.

Nahum H. Wright, salary, year ending March 1, 1895.....	\$50 00	
Services as Treasurer of Trustees of Public Library, 1894.....	10 00	
Time and expense going to Lowell on town business.....	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$72 00

#### TOWN CLERK.

Gilman J. Wright, salary.....	\$12 00	
Recording and making returns to Secre- tary of the Commonwealth of births, marriages and deaths for the year 1894, as follows :		
46 births.....	23 00	
19 marriages.....	2 85	
20 deaths .....	4 00	
23 deaths .....	2 30	
Extra services before March meeting, 1895.....	3 00	
Extra services before November meet- ing, 1895.....	1 00	
Attending Town Clerks' meeting at Groton .....	3 00	
Making report to town.....	3 00	
Cash paid for express.....	3 05	
stationery .....	56	
postage.....	2 11	
dog notices.....	1 25	
dog license blanks..	1 00	
administering oath.....	25	
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#### SELECTMEN.

Sherman H. Fletcher, salary.....	\$ 5 00
Making out state aid book.....	6 00
Making out 24 state aid and indigent soldiers' returns, under Chaps. 279 and 301, Acts of 1894.....	6 00

<i>Amount caried forward</i> .....	<hr/> <hr/> \$134 32
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<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$134 32
Making out Town report.....	10 00	
Time and expense with team perambulating town lines.....	6 00	
Time and expense with state aid agent visiting persons receiving state aid.	5 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	25 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	35 00	
	<hr/>	98 00
George W. Heywood, salary.....	\$ 5 00	
Time and expense perambulating town lines.....	4 00	
Time and expense investigating and appraising damage from forest fires.	10 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	25 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	20 00	
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Julian A. Cameron, salary.....	\$5 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	10 00
AUDITOR.		
Arthur B. Plimpton, auditing accounts of town officers, 1894.....	\$30 00	30 00
ASSESSORS.		
George H. Hartford, 64 days taking valuation and making taxes .....	\$160 00	
7 days copying book for state.....	17 50	
W. H. H. Burbeck, 69 days taking valuation and making taxes.....	172 50	
Samuel L. Taylor, 49 days taking valuation and making taxes.....	122 50	
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TAX COLLECTOR.		
Walter C. Wright, collecting \$1,184.34 at 1 per cent., 1893.....	\$11 84	
Collecting \$2,625.86 at 1 per cent., 1894.....	26 25	
Collecting \$15,092 38 at 1 per cent., 1895.....	150 92	
Stamps and envelopes.....	16 73	
Cash book.....	1 75	
Express.....	15	
	<hr/>	207 65
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....		\$816 46

*Amount brought forward*..... \$816 46

## CONSTABLES.

Eugene De Roehn, serving summons on persons elected to town office.....	\$ 4 00	
Isaac E. Day, serving summons on persons elected to town office.....	2 30	
Posting warrants for 3 town meetings..	12 00	
Notifying and collecting dog licenses...	10 00	
	<hr/>	28 30

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Nelson L. Tuttle, attending seven meetings.	\$14 00	
Quincy W. Day, " " "	14 00	
Oscar R. Spalding, " " "	14 00	
Gilman J. Wright, " " "	14 00	
Services as clerk of board.....	7 00	
	<hr/>	63 00

## BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Frank H. Hildreth, teller, Nov., 1894.....	\$1 00	
Lewis C. Dane, teller, check list, Nov., 1894, Mar. and Nov., 1895.....	7 50	
C. R. P. Decatur, teller, Nov., 1894-95, Mar., 1895.....	2 50	
L. W. Wheeler, teller, Mar. and Nov.....	1 50	
W. H. H. Burbeck, ballot clerk, Mar. and Nov.....	5 00	
William E. Frost, ballot clerk, Nov.....	2 50	
A. E. Wilson, teller ballot box, Mar. and Nov.	5 00	
	<hr/>	25 00

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Carrie E. Read, school supply agent.....	\$ 77 91	
Dr. W. J. Sleeper, expense to Boston, twice	5 00	
Making return to state.....	2 00	
E. P. Barker, salary as superintendent .....	640 00	
	<hr/>	724 91

## UNDERTAKER.

A. P. Richardson, attending 26 funerals with hearse .....	\$52 00	
Making out 39 returns and receiving permits .....	9 75	
	<hr/>	61 75

## TRUANT OFFICER.

Eugene De Roehn, services .....	\$9 00	
	<hr/>	9 00

*Amount carried forward*..... \$1,728 42



*Amount brought forward*..... \$1,728 42

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

W. H. H. Burbeck, services and making schedule .....	\$2 50	
Noah Prescott, services, 1894-95.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	6 50

INSPECTORS OF CATTLE AND MEAT.

A. P. Richardson, inspector of meat, 1894..	\$28 67	
Inspector of meat from Jan. 1 to June 5, 1895.....	48 40	
George T. Day, 275 hours time with team inspecting cattle.....	96 25	
82 hours conveying state agent testing cattle.....	29 75	
52 hours without team.....	10 40	
2 Cline thermometers .....	4 00	
Use of telephone .....	2 50	
	<hr/>	219 97

REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES AND ARTICLES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

CENTRE SCHOOLHOUSE — TWO SCHOOLS.

Wright & Bemis, glass.....	\$ 47	
A. R. Leighton, removing brush from school- yard.....	1 00	
Adams & Co., 1 chair.....	1 50	
George A. Leland, cleaning well.....	3 50	
F. B. Tulis, painting blackboards.....	1 00	
L. C. Dane, setting glass.....	50	
C. E. Whidden, teaming and express.....	1 18	
Wright & Fletcher, brooms, glass, etc.....	5 22	
	<hr/>	14 37

STONY BROOK SCHOOLHOUSE.

Puffer & Son, 2 chairs.....	\$ 1 00	
George H. Fifield, repair of locks.....	1 40	
Samuel L. Taylor, setting glass, etc.....	2 15	
Wright & Fletcher, brooms, thermometer, etc .....	85	
J. L. Moss, repairs of stove pipe.....	1 50	
G. H. Mason, labor, stock, shingling school- house .....	17 27	
Davis & Sargent, shingles....	41 16	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight on shingles..	94	
W. W. Handley, whitening school rooms....	10 00	
	<hr/>	76 27

*Amount carried forward*..... \$2,045 53

*Amount brought forward*..... \$2,045 53

FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOLHOUSE — TWO SCHOOLS.

John Payne, mason work.....	\$23 00	
J. A. Healy, teaming stock.....	5 04	
Wall Brothers, painting and stock furnished	70 00	
D. E. Splaine, stock furnished.....	63	
Abbot & Co., labor.....	2 13	
Eugene DeRoehn, labor.....	1 50	
Wright & Bemis, glass, brooms, etc.....	2 73	
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NASHOBA SCHOOLHOUSE.

Alfred Woodbury, repairing desks.....	\$1 00	
Wright & Fletcher, brooms, etc.....	75	
	<hr/>	1 75

PARKERVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE.

Alfred Woodbury, setting glass, etc.....	\$1 00	
Wright & Fletcher, broom.....	35	
	<hr/>	1 35

MINOT'S CORNER SCHOOLHOUSE.

Wright & Fletcher, pail, broom, etc.....	\$ 75	
F. B. Tulis, painting blackboards.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	2 75

NABNASSETT SCHOOLHOUSE.

Wright & Fletcher, broom.....	\$ 30	
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LONG-SOUGHT-FOR SCHOOLHOUSE.

Wright & Fletcher, brooms.....	\$ 65	
W. W. Handley, whitening school rooms..	10 00	
	<hr/>	10 65

WRIGHT SCHOOL HOUSE.

H. W. Wyman, labor and stock .....	\$2 68	
H. E. Gould, grading well in school yard...	4 80	
Wright & Fletcher, broom.....	35	
	<hr/>	\$7 83

GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE — FOUR SCHOOLS.

Fuller & Co., disinfectant.....	\$ 1 75	
Wright & Bemis, broom, glass and sundries.	19 40	
Abbot & Co., labor.....	1 20	
Eugene DeRoehn, labor.....	7 00	
W. D. Graves, step ladder .....	2 80	

*Amount carried forward*..... \$2,175 19

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$2,175 19
W. A. Mack & Co., repair on furnace.....	67 36	
Wright & Fletcher, brush, &c.....	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$101 76
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		\$322 06

## TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

C. W. Bardeen.....	\$ 1 17	
J. L. Hammett.....	270 84	
Ginn & Co.....	203 88	
University Publishing Co.....	1 20	
Educational Publishing Co.....	13 55	
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	57 84	
D. C. Heath & Co.....	21 86	
Gates, Lockhart.....	3 00	
Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn.....	12 05	
Cleveland Publishing Co.....	17 50	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.....	26 78	
American Book Co.....	48 83	
American Express Co.....	25	
E. P. Barker.....	8 58	
Wm. Ware & Co.....	12 00	
Allyn & Bacon.....	16 67	
Lee & Shepard.....	89	
A. Scott & Co.....	5 63	
W. M. Sargent.....	12 59	
D. Lothrop & Co.....	30	
	<hr/>	\$735 41

Appropriation Academy, \$225; amount drawn, \$209.72; cash received for books sold, \$29.20; actual expense, \$180.52; unexpended balance, \$44.48; appropriation Public Schools, \$450; amount drawn, \$525.69; cash received for books sold, \$6.19; overdrawn, \$69.50; from this amount should be taken the sum of \$38.91 for furnishings (ink wells and blackboards), making the actual expense \$480.59.

## TOWN LIBRARY.

Carrie E. Read, Librarian from Feb. 1, 1895, to Feb. 1, 1896.....	\$100 00	
For extra work.....	18 15	
T. H. Lawler, 2 ledgers.....	1 60	
	<hr/>	\$119 75
Expense of delivering Library books at Graniteville and Forge Village:		
J. Clifford Hall, services from April 1, 1895, to March 1, 1896.....	\$45 76	\$45 76
Appropriation, \$50; unexpended bal- ance, \$4.24.		

# EXPENSE OF FIRST DISTRICT COURT AT AYER — OFFICERS' FEES.

H. C. Sherwin, services in Carrol case.....	\$18 47	
Geo. F. Stiles, services in Sumner case.....	1 45	
Eugene DeRoehn, services in Prescott case.	29 15	
Services in Mills case.....	5 65	
Services in Harmon case.....	4 47	
	<hr/>	\$59 19

## EXPENSE OF TOWN COUNSEL.

Marshall, Burke & Marshall, legal services, 1894.....	\$100 00	\$100 00
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## PRINTING.

Morning Mail Co., ballots, March meeting, tax list, tax bills, voting lists, etc..	\$ 31 90	
Courier-Citizen Co., 650 town reports.....	110 88	
Extra copies of school report, town warrants, letter heads, stamped envelopes, programme for school graduation, dog notices and bill heads .....	62 25	
Whitten & Cass, property blanks for asses- sors .....	3 50	
F. A. Frost & Co., for school committee...	5 15	
	<hr/>	\$213 68

## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Paid by order May, 1895.....	\$827 46	
September, 1895 .....	307 98	
October, 1895.....	279 50	
January, 1896.....	619 54	
February, 1896.....	869 37	
	<hr/>	\$2,903 85
Appropriation, \$2,800.		

## CARVILLE SUIT.

Verdict of Superior Court in favor of Daniel and Martha Carville.....	\$575 00	
Court expenses.....	344 38	
	<hr/>	\$919 38

The report of this case can be found in our Public Library in the Mass. Report 163, page 557. The case is reported very fully. In the summing up by the Supreme Court it says the jury would have been justified in bringing in a different verdict

## INSURANCE.

Arthur Fenner, insurance on town house, \$1500, for 3 years.....	\$18 00	
Insurance on Centre schoolhouse, \$2500, for 5 years.....	75 00	
Insurance on library, \$1000, for 1 year.	10 00	
		<hr/> \$103 00

## TOWN HOUSE.

## EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING, ETC., AND CARE OF SAME.

J. H. Wilson, services as janitor, Feb. and Mar., 1894.....	\$16 60	
Al Bicknell, services as janitor, from April 1, 1895, to Feb. 1, 1896 .....	80 00	
J. A. Healey, 3 tons of coal.....	18 38	
11 tons, 116 lbs. coal .....	56 13	
T. A. Bean, screens for town hall .....	25 00	
Wright & Fletcher, oil, lantern, chimneys, brooms, wax, etc., as per bill .....	40 47	
Al Bicknell, extra labor.....	1 00	
1 lawn rake .....	50	
Duplicate keys.....	1 25	
1 watering pot.....	70	
John M. Fletcher, oil.....	9 85	
James Stanley, repair of clock.....	2 00	
W. W. Johnson, 1 cord of wood .....	5 00	
H. H. Wilder & Co., repair of furnaces ....	61 34	
F. B. Tulis, setting glass.....	75	
		<hr/> \$318 97

## INCOME OF TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory from state.....	\$175 00	
Rent of building.....	148 50	
		<hr/> \$323 50

## GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

We submit the following report on guide posts and guide boards: New guide boards have been put up at the corner of the road leading toward Beaver brook, new guide post and guide boards have been erected at the corner of roads near the house of A. S. Davis, and new guide post near the house of C. R. P. Decatur. The rest of the guide posts and guide boards are in good condition.

The following amount has been expended:

J. A. Walkden, 3 guide boards.....	\$2 25	
W. H. H. Burbeck, labor .....	1 00	
		<hr/> \$3 25



## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid by order, see Board of Health Report..	\$26 88	
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## PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

Paid by order, see Commissioners' Report..	\$528 38	
	<hr/>	\$528 38

EXPENSE OF MARKERS OF GRAVES OF SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION  
AND WAR OF 1812.

Under a vote of the town at the annual meeting the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) was appropriated for the Selectmen to procure markers for the graves of soldiers of the revolution. Upon making a search through the several cemeteries we found numerous graves of soldiers of the war of 1812. As we had an appropriation more than enough to cover the expense of marking the graves of the soldiers of the Revolution, we deemed it no more than right that the graves of these soldiers should be recognized by an appropriate marker.

The following amount has been expended :

M. D. Jones & Co., 42 markers for graves of soldiers of the Revolution ....	\$42 00	
M. D. Jones & Co., 9 markers for graves of soldiers of the War of 1812...	3 60	
Concord & Montreal R. R., freight on markers .....	25	
	<hr/>	\$15 85

Appropriation, \$50 ; unexpended balance, \$4.15.

The following is a list of graves at which markers have been erected, and where located. Also what service was rendered by these soldiers :

## AT CONCORD, APRIL 19, 1775.

## WEST CEMETERY.

Col. John Robinson, also at Bunker Hill was Lieut. Col. in Col. William Prescott's regiment ; Abijah Reed ; Reuben Leighton.

## IN CAPT. UNDERWOOD'S CO.

Oliver Read, also at Bunker Hill in Capt. Parker's Co.

## FAIRVIEW CEMETERY.

1st Lieut. Thomas Cummings, also at Bunker Hill 2d Lieut. in Capt. Wyman's Co. ; Sergt. Timothy Spalding ; Corp. Willard Fletcher, also at White Plains ; Silas Chandler, also at White Plains ; Wiley Richardson ; Abijah Richardson.

## NORTH CEMETERY.

William Chandler, also at Bunker Hill in Capt. Parker's Co.

## IN CAPT. MINOT'S CO.

## FAIRVIEW CEMETERY.

Capt. Jonathan Minot; Benjamin Osgood; Cornet Thomas Kidder, also at Bunker Hill in Capt. Parker's Co.

## WEST CEMETERY.

Elijah Hildreth; Rogers King; Francis Leighton, also in the French and Indian war.

## IN CAPT. BATES' CO.

## NORTH CEMETERY.

Capt. Oliver Bates; Sergt. Solomon Spalding, also at Bunker Hill in Capt. Parker's Co.; Joseph Wright, Jr, also at White Plains; Pelatiah Wright, also at Ticonderoga; Ephraim Wright.

## WEST CEMETERY.

1st Lieutenant David Goodhue; Jonas Prescott, 3d; Timothy Prescott.

## FAIRVIEW CEMETERY.

2d Lieutenant John Abbot; Sergeant Thomas Rogers, who was at Bunker Hill as 2d Lieut. in Capt. Parke's Co.; Timothy Cummings.

## AT BUNKER HILL, JUNE 17, 1775.

## NORTH CEMETERY.

Daniel Nutting.

## FAIRVIEW CEMETERY.

Joseph Minot.

## WEST CEMETERY.

David Prescott.

## AT WHITE PLAINS.

## WEST CEMETERY.

Benjamin Robbins.

## MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE.

## WEST CEMETERY.

Isaac Patten; Thomas Durant; Stephen Wright in Rhode Island with Col. Robinson; Samson Fletcher in Col. Baldwins regiment; Peter Hildreth in Col. Reed's regiment; Oliver Wright at Cambridge.

## FAIRVIEW CEMETERY.

Jesse Minot at Cambridge; Joel Abbot at Bennington; Andrew Fletcher in Col. Reed's regiment; Pelatiah Fletcher; Capt. of Co. 4, Col. Reed's regiment.

## WRIGHT CEMETERY.

Lient. Nahum Wright.

## WAR OF 1812.

## WEST CEMETERY.

Calvin Howard; Francis Leighton; Thomas Prescott.

## WRIGHT CEMETERY.

Caleb Wight; Bela Wright; Parker Wright.

## NORTH CEMETERY.

Roswell Reed; Imla Keyes.

## FAIRVIEW CEMETERY.

Isaac Minot.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid by order to Veteran Association.....	\$50 00	\$50 00
Appropriation, \$50.		

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

*As authorized by Chap. 447, Acts of 1890.*

James A. Graham, from Feb. 1, 1895, to		
Feb. 1, 1896.....	\$120 00	
John Dolan, 1 ton of coal for J. A. Graham.	5 75	
	————	\$125 75

## MILITARY AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

*As authorized by Chap. 279, Acts of 1894.*

From Jan. 1, 1895, to Jan. 1, 1896 .....	192 00	
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## STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES.

*As authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1894.*

From Jan. 1, 1895, to Jan. 1, 1896 .....	\$1,104 50	\$1,104 50
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## FOREST FIRES.

The following fires have occurred during the year and estimated damage :

		No. of acres estimated.	Damage.
May 3.	Forest fire near Graniteville, owners of land :		
	Heirs of C. G. Sargent.....	15	\$150 00
	S. D. Fletcher.....	3	40 00
	Rufus Patten.....	20	150 00
	John J. Shaw.....	8	8 00
	Oren Cooledge.....	15	50 00
	A. G. Stiles.....	12	200 00
May 11.	Forest fire in south part of town, owners of land :		
	Daniel Atwood.....	50	100 00
	H. M. Hutchins.....	15	200 00
	Daniel Gage.....	5	75 00
	Owners unknown.....	30	100 00
May 17.	Forest fire near Graniteville station on Stony Brook R. R., owner of land :		
	Concord & Montreal R. R.....	4	15 00
May 25.	Forest fire near Pine Ridge station on Nashua, Acton & Boston R. R., owners of land :		
	Stephen E. Hutchins.....	2	30 00
	George H. Hartford.....	17	300 00
June 18-19.	Forest fire in north-west part of town, owners of land :		
	Olive A. Prescott.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	5 00
	Edward Prescott, including 110 cords of wood.....	10	300 00
Oct. 19.	Forest fire in north part of town, owner of land :		
	Noah Prescott.....	$1\frac{1}{2}$	25 00
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		217	\$1,748 00

## OTHER FIRES.

May 4,	Dwelling house with barn attached and contents, in the south part of the town, owned by Mrs. George Hutchinson. Estimated loss on house and barn .....	\$1,000 00
	Estimated loss on contents.....	300 00
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		\$1,300 00
Cause of fire, supposed incendiary.		

We can only call attention again to what we said last year of the carelessness or design in setting these forest fires. With all the laws on the statute book for punishing parties who cause these fires, it seems to be one of the hardest things to detect in most instances the cause of them. The expense of subduing these fires has been paid under the approval of the Fire Wardens and Forest Fire Wards, as follows :

Paid expense of fire on Snake Meadow Hill, 1894, Gilman F. Wright.....	\$ 2 25	
Paid expense of fires as approved by J. A. Healey, Fire Ward.....	74 27	
Paid Abbot & Co., fire near Graniteville....	3 00	
Paid expense of fires as approved by A. R. Leighton, Fire Ward.....	12 90	
Paid expense of fires as approved by W. E. Parsons, Fire Ward.....	8 65	
Paid G. F. Carlin, use of team.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$102 57

#### HUTCHINSON DWELLING.

Paid A. R. Leighton, Fire Ward.....	\$2 00	
Paid H. L. Nesmith.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$4 00

#### GRADE CROSSINGS.

During the past year we called attention to the Boston & Maine R. R. to the numerous dangerous grade crossings, which were a menace to the lives of the travelling public. A number of conferences were held with the officials of the railroad, and safeguards have been established at the following crossings on the Stony Brook R. R.: At Brookside an electric bell, at Westford and Forge Village stations a flagman, and at the cemetery crossing on the Nashua, Acton & Boston R. R. an electric bell. At the other crossings we have had the brush cut so as to get a good view of the railroad track.

#### GENERAL EXPENSES.

Wright & Bemis, use of telephone.....	\$ 35	
John M. Fletcher, postage for mailing town reports. etc. ....	18 39	
James Beede, engrossing resolutions to Hon. J. V. Fletcher.....	2 50	
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<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>		\$21 24



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$ 21 24
E. T. Burbeck, damage to sleigh on highway	3 00
Books and notices for Assessors.....	5 27
H. O. Keyes, damage to house from blasting ledge.....	3 50
George Tyler & Co., new mold board, sections, &c., for road machine.....	34 38
W. C. Robbins, difference on horse.....	100 00
Al Bicknell, service as police officer.....	2 00
For recording tax collector's notice.....	50
Paint for town carts.....	2 25
Police badges.....	3 00
Shovels, rakes, plow beam and castings for road department.....	10 08
Two feed bags.....	1 75
Agreement between the School Committee and Trustees of Academy.....	1 75
Food for election officers, March.....	2 47
Express on town reports.....	1 25
J. T. Colburn, spraying trees.....	2 00
Dumas & Co., binding old town reports. ....	3 00
6 sign boards for common.....	4 80
F. B. Tulis, painting sign boards.....	7 50
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, making new state aid book.....	5 50
John M. Fletcher, postage and administering oath.....	6 49
N. L. Tuttle, repairs on road scraper, &c....	27 18
C. E. Whidden, teaming, &c.....	5 00
T. E. Symmes, marking bounds on road....	65
Cash for repairs on harness.....	1 10
John Feeney, repairs of harnesses.....	6 40
D. G. Trembley, M. D., returning 10 births, 1895, under Chap. 158, Acts of 1883.	2 50
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., returning 52 births, 1894-5, under Chap. 158, Acts of 1883	13 00
1 wheelbarrow.....	3 00
Paper, ink, cash for lumber, &c.....	9 59
New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, use of telephone for town officers and library committee.....	15 65
Grain for horses.....	15 60
Express, stamped envelopes, &c.....	13 57
Food for election officers, Nov.....	2 33
Pails, padlock, snow shovel, rubber bands, nails, hame straps, &c.....	6 45
Wright & Fletcher, blank books and sundries as per bill.....	25 70
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## ROAD DEPARTMENT.

The road department during the past year has been carried on under the same system as the preceding years, and it is not necessary to repeat the value of good roads, as it was covered very fully in former annual reports. The value of a stone crusher is more apparent every year if we are to have durable and lasting roadbeds. The effect of crushed stone can be seen in a comparative way by a view of sections of roads leading from the centre of the town to Forge Village and Graniteville where we have put on a coating of stone chips, covered with a light coat of gravel. The sections of road treated with this material are equally as good in wet as in dry weather. The first expense of a stone crusher would be considerable, but would be an economical investment in the long run, as the material produced would be something of a permanent value, and would do away to a large degree of this "annual fixing" of the road with material unfit for road purposes.

In the matter of wide-tired wheels, which we spoke of in last year's report, for heavily loaded wagons, we find was productive of some good, as a few of our citizens have adopted them on their heavy wagons and find them of much benefit to their teams as well as to the roads.

The state highway which was petitioned for last year remains in the hands of the State Highway Commission, and repeated interviews have been had with them, but no action has been taken on account of a lack of appropriation.

On account of the nearly one hundred miles of road in town it seems as if something might be done to discontinue some of the roads that have become obsolete for lack of travel.

These roads are still public highways and are dangerous for travel. If any one should inadvertently drive over them and an accident happen to them the town might be held for heavy damages. We would recommend to the citizens to think this question over and see if we cannot dispense with a part of our unused roads as public ways, and would suggest that a committee be chosen at some future meeting, composed of citizens from different sections of the town, to investigate and report to the town what roads can be discontinued as public ways without detriment to the adjoining property owners and the public travel.

In accordance with Chap. 98, Acts of 1889, Benjamin F. Day was appointed superintendent of streets. Under his supervision the following amounts have been expended :

## FEBRUARY.

F. W. Banister, gravel.....	\$25 00	
T. M. Keene, 25 days surveying State Highway.....	87 50	
H. A. Daws, 25 days surveying State Highway.....	50 00	
E. A. Phemister, 16 days surveying State Highway.....	32 00	
A. H. Peterson, 3 days surveying State Highway.....	6 00	
Surveyor's time making plan and profile....	23 90	
W. Read & Co., stone and labor on Arch bridge, near Graniteville.....	46 87	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	12 25	
	<hr/>	\$283 52

## MARCH.

B. F. Day, superintendent.....	\$12 25	
A. Bunce, gravel.....	2 00	
H. A. Gurney, gravel.....	1 00	
4,150 lbs. hay.....	37 75	
E. Barton, labor.....	1 50	
L. B. Leland, labor.....	4 50	
E. Case, labor.....	5 25	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	7 50	
G. H. Whitney, labor.....	2 25	
M. Blaisdell, gravel.....	8 20	
Powder.....	2 50	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	17 30	
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## APRIL.

B. M. Fletcher, labor.....	\$ 7 10	
C. L. Adams, ".....	1 50	
C. C. Smith, ".....	8 92	
H. T. Adams, ".....	21 50	
Julian Wilkinson, ".....	33 00	
E. Case, ".....	36 75	
E. C. Wood, ".....	31 86	
G. H. Whitney, ".....	36 75	
B. F. Day, superintendent.....	45 00	
Team.....	58 75	
H. V. Hildreth, labor and teams.....	86 73	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	17 60	
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## MAY.

John Marinel, Jr., labor and team.....	\$30 25	
J. A. Walkden, labor.....	75	
L. P. Palmer, stone.....	10 08	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	24 40	
B. F. Day, superintendent.....	45 00	
Team.....	65 00	
E. C. Wood, labor.....	36 00	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	39 75	
G. H. Whitney, labor.....	37 50	
E. Case, labor.....	39 00	
	<hr/>	\$327 73

## JUNE.

Waldo Bros., drain pipe.....	\$42 33	
3,783 lbs. hay.....	30 26	
J. D. Wilkinson, labor.....	3 60	
G. H. Whitney, labor.....	34 50	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	33 00	
E. C. Wood, labor.....	33 24	
E. Case, labor.....	34 50	
B. F. Day, supt. ....	45 00	
Team.....	60 00	
S. L. Taylor, gravel.....	8 80	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	21 95	
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## JULY.

G. H. Whitney, labor.....	\$24 00	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	39 00	
E. C. Wood, labor.....	36 00	
E. Case, labor.....	39 00	
B. F. Day, supt. ....	45 00	
Team.....	65 00	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	19 60	
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## AUGUST.

Burnham & Davis, lumber.....	\$14 91	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	38 25	
E. C. Wood, labor.....	36 00	
G. H. Whitney, labor.....	36 75	
J. Crestaurten, labor.....	1 25	
B. F. Day, supt. ....	45 00	
Team.....	66 25	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	15 10	
J. A. Healy, labor and teams.....	44 00	
F. L. Amission, labor.....	6 00	
E. Case, labor.....	38 25	
	<hr/>	341 76

## SEPTEMBER.

Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	\$18 65
G. W. Heywood, hay.....	10 78
B. F. Day, supt.....	45 00
Team.....	61 25
E. C. Wood, labor.....	34 62
W. Kitchen, labor.....	1 50
E. Case, labor.....	36 75
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	33 75
Thomas Whigham, labor.....	5 25
G. H. Whitney, labor.....	24 75

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 \$272 30

## OCTOBER.

E. Case, labor.....	\$39 75
Thomas Whigham, labor.....	39 75
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	39 00
E. C. Wood, labor.....	36 00
P. Brophy, labor.....	12 00
A. B. M. Eastman, labor.....	5 00
B. F. Day, supt.....	45 00
Team.....	67 50
Gravel.....	11 35
S. A. Butterfield, gravel.....	7 80
G. F. Carlin, team.....	26 25
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	17 25

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 346 65

## NOVEMBER.

2000 lbs. hay.....	\$16 00
Waldo Bros., drain pipe.....	9 12
W. W. Johnson, team.....	25 94
B. F. Day, supt.....	45 00
Team.....	60 00
G. F. Carlin, team.....	18 50
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	13 45
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	35 63
E. Case, labor.....	34 13
E. C. Wood, labor.....	34 62
James Rapson, labor.....	23 25
Thomas Whigham, labor.....	4 50
W. H. H. Burbeck, labor.....	20 00

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## DECEMBER.

E. C. Wood, labor.....	\$21 00
James Rapson, labor.....	20 63
E. Case, labor.....	26 88
A. B. M. Eastman, labor.....	75



Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	\$17 50	
B. F. Day, supt.....	20 25	
Team.....	33 00	
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	11 25	
	<hr/>	\$151 26

## JANUARY, 1896.

N. L. Prescott, gravel.....	\$10 05	
B. F. Day, superintendent.....	37 50	
Team.....	50 00	
W. E. Parson, drain pipe and labor.....	7 00	
Wright & Fletcher, grain..	15 00	
Mrs. Burnham Smith, gravel.....	3 45	
W. L. Butterworth, gravel.....	1 00	
1,666 lbs. hay.....	13 33	
J. H. O'Brien, labor.....	5 55	
E. C. Wood, labor.....	26 00	
Julian Wilkinson, labor.....	31 25	
E. Case, labor.....	30 63	
James Rapson, labor.....	29 38	
	<hr/>	260 14
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		\$3,425 74

Appropriation, \$3,500; unexpended balance, \$74.26.

Schedule of property belonging to the Town for use of road department: 2 horses, 1 set heavy harnesses, 2 carts, 5 whiffletrees and chains, 1 evener and spreader, 1 spare horse collar, 2 blankets, 2 surcingles, 1 stone drag, 2 yokes, 1 road scraper, 3 wrenches, 1 wagon jack, 3 chains, 1 stone lifter, straps to lead harness and hand splices to lead reins, 8 road rakes, 8 shovels, 1 manure fork, 1 hay fork, 2 plows, 11 blasting drills, 4 plug drills, lot of shims and wedges, 1 bush snath, 4 axes, 1 trimming saw, 2 halters, 2 lanterns, 1 oil can, 1 tool box, 1 large hoe, 3 picks, 4 iron bars, 1 hand hammer, 2 striking hammers, 1 stone hammer, 1 drill spoon, 1 curry comb, 2 horse brushes, 1 gravel screen.

## BREAKING OUT ROADS ON ACCOUNT OF SNOW.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

J. W. Day & Son, as per bill.....	\$ 7 95	
W. W. Johnson and others, as per bills....	67 70	
	<hr/>	\$75 65

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Samuel Taylor and others, as per bills.....	\$54 15	
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## DISTRICT NO. 3.

S. H. Balch and others, as per bills.....	\$11 30	
	<u>          </u>	\$11 30

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

B. F. Day and others, as per bills.....	\$51 17	
	<u>          </u>	51 17

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Arthur E. Wilson and others, as per bills...	\$59 05	
	<u>          </u>	59 05

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Alvin J. Blaisdell and others, as per bills...	\$10 58	
	<u>          </u>	10 58

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

John P. Felch and others, as per bills.....	\$46 82	
	<u>          </u>	46 82

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

M. F. Downs and others, as per bills.....	\$67 58	
	<u>          </u>	67 58

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

H. E. Gould and others, as per bills.....	\$23 40	
	<u>          </u>	23 40

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

H. V. Hildreth and others, as per bill.....	\$19 50	
	<u>          </u>	19 50
		<u>          </u>
		\$419 20

## NEW LIBRARY BUILDING.

Under a vote of the town at the annual meeting a vote was passed to borrow the sum of \$5000 for a new library building. As the money was not needed, it was thought best not to borrow the amount at present. The building committee found, to protect the building from frost, it would be necessary to bank up the building with earth. A small expense has occurred and we have approved the following amount :

Paid for teaming earth.....	\$35 00
Number of orders drawn upon town treasurer,	372
Total amount of orders .....	\$14,430 36

## ESTIMATES FOR YEAR 1896-97.

Town debts and charges.....	\$3,500 00
Highways.....	3,500 00
Support of schools .....	5,200 00
Support of poor.....	2,800 00
Library ....	200 00
Public burial grounds.....	300 00
Text book and supplies for schools.....	750 00
Tuition for High school scholars.....	1,500 00
	—————\$ 17 750 00

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
 GEORGÉ W. HEYWOOD,  
 JULIAN A. CAMERON,

*Selectmen of Westford.*

## LIST OF JURORS, 1896.

The following names will be reported at the Annual Meeting in March, to be placed in the jury box, subject to revision by the Town :

NAMES.	OCCUPATIONS.
Wilford G. Blodgett,	Clerk.
Augustus Bunce,	Farmer.
W. H. H. Burbeck,	Laborer.
William R. Carver,	Farmer.
Quincy W. Day,	Farmer.
Jeremiah Desmond,	Farmer.
Frank C. Drew,	Farmer.
Elbert H. Flagg,	Farmer.
John K. Felch,	Farmer.
Allen B. Gould,	Clerk.
Horace E. Gould,	Farmer.
David L. Greig,	Carder.
Henry A. Gurney,	Farmer.
Frank C. Hildreth,	Farmer.
Samuel M. Hutchins,	Farmer.
Angus McDonald,	Farmer.
French M. Morse,	Machinist.
Harry L. Nesmith,	Farmer.
Wilbert E. Parsons,	Teamster.
George H. Prescott,	Machinist.
Nathan Prescott,	Painter.
Nelson L. Prescott,	Stone Cutter.
Joseph Wall,	Painter.
Leonard W. Wheeler,	Farmer.
Hiram Whitney.	Retired.
Hammett D. Wright,	Granite Dealer.
Walter C. Wright,	Clerk.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
JULIAN A. CAMERON,

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## BOARD OF HEALTH.

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The officers of the Board of Health as constituted for the past year were Sherman H. Fletcher Chairman, and Julian A. Cameron Secretary.

The board appointed Julian A. Cameron agent for diseases and sanitary condition of the town; Gilman J. Wright, agent to issue burial permits. Albert P. Richardson was licensed as undertaker.

During the past year the town has been very fortunate in regard to infectious diseases. A few cases of scarlet fever have occurred, and three or four cases of diphtheria, measles and membranous croup, but nothing of an epidemic character. The use of antitoxine both as a cure and preventive of diphtheria has come into prominence and considerable use. We have been able to arrange for a supply from the State Board of Health through the City of Lowell, and in all necessary cases it can be used. Five patients have been treated with it during the year, with the following results:

2 cases membranous croup (diphtheritic), one recovery.

1 case diphtheria, recovery.

2 cases as a preventive, successful.

A full and hearty co-operation on the part of all will be a material aid and may prevent an epidemic. Let all, when a case of diphtheria comes to them, not only carry out the full and usual instructions of the board, but be prepared for the preventive use of this agent in any case where it seems best to the attending physicians or the board. We again call attention to the quarantine of infected premises. Notices of quarantine as posted by the board are, except in a few cases, carefully respected, an improvement over years past, but in a few instances the inmates have not taken the care they should in keeping by themselves as much as possible until the danger of spreading disease has passed. It should be understood a mild case is just as liable to spread disease as a severe one.

In regard to establishing public dumps, we have been unsuccessful in finding any suitable places near any of the villages. Owners of land object to allowing anything of this character on their



premises, and we would recommend that all rubbish and garbage of a combustible nature be burned, instead of making the roadside a place of deposit.

We wish to acknowledge our thanks to the physicians for their promptness in notifying the board of all dangerous diseases, and their support in carrying out instructions from the board.

Under the law for the suppression of contagious diseases among domestic animals, the Selectmen appointed George T. Day and Albert P. Richardson inspectors of animals and provisions. These inspectors became agents of the Board of Health, and Mr. Day was designated as inspector of domestic animals, and Mr. Richardson inspector of cattle and swine at time of slaughter. Mr. Richardson makes the following report :

WESTFORD, Feb. 15, 1896.

To the Chairman of the Board of Health :

From Feb. 1, 1895 to Feb. 15, 1896, I have inspected the following number of cattle and swine at time of slaughter as follows :

Kind.	Number.	Condemned.
Cows.....	119	8
Oxen.....	2	
Bulls.....	4	
Calves.....	758	15
Swine.....	23	

ALBERT P. RICHARDSON, *Inspector.*

Mr. Day makes the following report :

WESTFORD, Feb. 15, 1896.

To the Chairman of the Board of Health :

Since Feb. 1, 1895, I have examined 552 head of cattle, 85 head by request of owners, and have quarantined 36. Eighteen of them were the property of B. H. Brow—cattle which were brought from New Hampshire or Vermont and were ordered quarantined by the Cattle Commissioners. They were tested with tuberculin and all were released except two. The other eighteen head quarantined and tested with tuberculin by the agents of the commissioners were all condemned but one; 15 of these have been killed and 13 found to be badly diseased, and two slightly. Two are still held by the owners awaiting further orders from the commissioners. On account of the appropriation being exhausted they are obliged to await the action of the Legislature to appropriate more funds for their use. There are now 20 animals which I have examined and have

no doubt they are diseased, and 26 head more that the owners desire to have tested with tuberculin, but until there is further action by the Legislature, no more animals will be quarantined. While there seems to be a difference of opinion regarding the use of tuberculin, and some entertain the idea that its use has a tendency to injure the animals, from my own observation I fail to see where there has been any injurious effects or bad results arising from its use.

GEORGE T. DAY, *Inspector*.

The number of deaths that occurred in 1895 will be found in the town clerk's report.

Number of infectious or contagious diseases as reported by the physicians is 18, as follows :

	Deaths.	
Measles.....	1	
Diphtheria.....	2	
Scarlet fever....	13	
Membraneous croup .....	2	1
	<hr/> 18	<hr/> 1

The following expense has occurred :

A. R. Leighton, posting notices .....	\$1 00	
Sulphur candles and express .....	7 18	
J. A. Healey, cleaning pond at Graniteville from dead fish.....	3 00	
Use of telephone .....	70	
S. H. Fletcher, services.....	5 00	
G. W. Heywood, " .....	5 00	
J. A. Cameron, " .....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$26 88

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,	}	<i>Board of Health.</i>
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,		
JULIAN A. CAMERON,		

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

For the year ending Feb. 1, 1896.

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### AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE BY APPRAISAL.

Feb. 1, 1895.....	\$3,251 07
Feb. 1, 1896.....	3,231 77
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Loss on personal property.....	\$19 30

### RECEIPTS.

Received for milk .....	\$606 72
wood .....	316 34
hay .....	175 34
eggs.....	17 99
rent from Julian Wilkinson...	17 00
pork .....	21 00
cows and bull.....	220 00
old harnesses.....	7 50
calves .....	26 50
breaking roads.....	11 30
use of bull.....	5 00
potatoes .....	12 50
cranberries .....	23 00
use of horses and tools.....	9 45
vegetables .....	3 20
Democrat wagon.....	13 00
sundries .....	10 62
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	1,496 46
Received for indigent soldiers.....	192 00
board of J. Green.....	108 00
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	\$1,796 46

### PAYMENTS.

Paid for labor.....	\$438 19
grain.....	402 48
groceries.....	427 20
meat .....	128 46
fish.....	22 65
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<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$1,418 98</i>

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>		\$1,418 98
Paid for coal.....	\$20 19	
manure.....	70 57	
harnesses.....	60 00	
bull .....	16 50	
three hogs.....	30 00	
S. H. Balch's salary.....	450 00	
for wheelwright work.....	20 00	
apple trees.....	16 25	
phosphate.....	22 80	
Democrat wagon .....	45 00	
tedder.....	35 00	
standing grass.....	18 00	
harrow.....	16 00	
burial of P. O'Toole.....	20 00	
Lowell Journal.....	1 50	
ice.....	7 40	
furniture.....	10 75	
hens.....	9 00	
blacksmith work.....	31 05	
pump and labor.....	13 40	
dry goods.....	11 30	
medical supplies.....	37 19	
hardware, grass and garden seed,..	37 18	
tobacco.....	25 00	
tinware .....	2 45	
clothes for inmates.....	4 50	
car fare for tramps.....	1 30	
freight.....	95	
express.....	95	
harness repairs.....	80	
Julian Wilkinson for labor.....	31 50	
for sundries....	17 97	
difference in horses.....	50 00	
cows.....	321 00	
pauper register.....	3 50	
T. Carney.....	1 00	
for medical aid.....	14 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,893 48
Loss on property.....		19 30
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		\$2,912 78
Deduct income from farm.....	\$1,796 46	
expense of tramps.....	127 75	
cash in Supt.'s hands.....	184 10	
	<hr/>	2,108 31
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Cost of supporting the poor inside Alms- house.....		\$804 47

## INMATES AT TOWN FARM, FEB. 1, 1896.

John Green,	Age 77.	
James McManus,	" 52.	
George O. Wright,	" 66.	
Catherine O'Toole,	" 95.	
Margaret O'Brine,	" 62.	
Edward E. Holt,	" 82.	
Caroline A. Perham,	" 72.	
Thomas Carney,	" 85.	
C. E. Richards,	" 28.	
Annie M. Richards,	" 28.	
V. A. Richards,	" 1½.	
Whole number supported during the year.....		12
Average .....		10
Number of tramps.....		511

## EXPENSE OF POOR OUTSIDE THE ALSMHOUSE.

Paid hospital bills for Woodward, Keyes, Raymond, Lord, Wayne, and Reed.	\$965 44	
		<u>\$965 44</u>
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical at- tendance on Rose Heman.....	\$12 00	
on Nellie Murphy .....	92 00	
on Julian Wilkinson's family.....	11 25	
on George Demorris.....	6 50	
on Henry Leland.....	6 50	
on Ida Smart.....	31 80	
on Mary Wright .....	15 50	
on Addie Cameron.....	3 00	
on Mary Collier.....	7 50	
on J. Provost.....	6 00	
		<u>192 05</u>
D. G. Trembley, M. D., for medical attendance on Sarah Ingalls.....	\$25 50	
on W. B. McNaughton.....	33 00	
on Mrs. Barlow.....	3 00	
on Richard Welch.....	6 00	
		<u>67 50</u>
Wright & Fletcher for goods for Julian Wilkinson's family.....	\$32 33	
for Joseph Wilkinson.....	30 50	
		<u>62 83</u>
W. F. Balch for time and expense on account of Henry Leland.....	\$8 50	
on account of G. Wilkinson.....	2 50	
		<u></u>
Amount carried forward.....		\$1,287 82



<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$1,287 82
in going to Tewksbury on account of V. Brown.....	3 00	
in going to Lowell twice on account C. E. Richards.....	2 00	
in looking up settlement of Lestina Daley .....	4 00	
	<hr/>	20 00
Town of Groton on account of E. Holt	3 25	
J. M. Fletcher for stationery.....	2 05	
Mrs. Lord for board of Elizabeth Lord.	16 00	
A. P. Richardson for funeral expenses of Henry Leland.....	25 00	
City of Chelsea on account of Alfred French family.....	42 92	
City of Lowell for Margaret Casey....	\$28 00	
“ “ Henry Leland.....	17 00	
“ “ C. E. Richards' fam- ily.....	87 29	
“ “ Margaret Whitecomb.	17 07	
	<hr/>	149 36
W. F. Balch for making out report to State Board of Lunacy and Charity.	\$5 00	
W. F. Balch for making out decennial pauper return.....	3 00	
W. F. Balch for making out Town re- port.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	13 00
G. F. Carlin for wood for Mrs. J. Leland .....	2 50	
J. A. Healy for wood for J. Wilkinson family .....	2 00	
A. G. Polley, salary.....	\$10 00	
H. D. Wright, salary.....	10 00	
W. F. Balch, salary.....	10 00	
“ extra time as Overseer..	5 00	
	<hr/>	35 00
J. W. Brooks for coffin and robe for B. Robbins .....	\$17 00	
J. W. Brooks for coffin for A. Wilkin- son in 1892.....	12 00	
	<hr/>	29 00
C. E. Richards.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,629 90

Received from City of Lowell on account Ida Smart .....	\$31 80	
Town of Ayer on account Addie Cameron.....	3 00	
Town of Tyngsboro on account Sarah Ingalls and W. B. McNaughton.....	58 50	
State Treasurer on account John Henry.....	9 55	
State Treasurer on account Mrs. Lampron.....	27 00	
	<hr/>	129 85
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		\$1,500 05
Due from State on account Mrs. Newell....	\$25 00	
On account Frederic Newell.....	43 25	
	<hr/>	68 25
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Cost of supporting the poor outside the Almshouse .....		\$1,431 80

## STATEMENT.

Cash received from Town Treasurer.....	\$2,903 85	
other sources.....	235 81	
	<hr/>	\$3,139 66
Paid for outside poor.....	\$1,629 90	
Payments at farm.....	2,893 48	
	<hr/>	\$4,523 38
Receipts at farm.....	\$1,496 46	
In hands of Supt., Feb. 1, 1895.	86 12	
	<hr/>	1,582 58
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		2,940 80
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		\$198 86
Cash in hands of Overseers, Feb. 1, 1896...	\$ 14 76	
Cash in hands of Supt. of Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1896.....	184 10	
	<hr/>	\$198 86

ALVIN G. POLLEY,  
HAMMETT D. WRIGHT,  
WAYLAND F. BALCH,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

## APPRAISAL OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY

At the Almshouse in Westford, Mass., Feb. 8, 1896.

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12 cows.....	\$540 00
2 horses.....	140 00
1 bull.....	20 00
7 hogs and swine.....	52 00
18 tons English hay.....	360 00
2½ tons stock hay.....	37 50
2 tons meadow hay.....	24 00
2 tons oat fodder.....	25 00
12 tons ensilage.....	85 00
Grain in barn.....	42 26
6 harnesses.....	75 00
4 plows.....	20 00
Whiffletrees, neck yokes and eveners.....	16 50
1 mowing machine.....	45 00
1 express wagon.....	10 00
1 milk wagon.....	12 00
1 Democrat wagon.....	40 00
1 hay wagon.....	35 00
1 farm wagon.....	25 00
1 sleigh.....	8 00
1 horse rake.....	10 00
1 wheel harrow.....	20 00
1 spring tooth harrow.....	16 00
2 dump carts.....	75 00
1 ensilage cutter.....	35 00
1 two-horse sled.....	35 00
1 hay tedder.....	35 00
Balance in barn and outbuildings.....	302 48
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$2,140 74

### APPRAISAL OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN HOUSE FEB. 8, 1896.

175 bushels of potatoes.....	\$70 00
Turnips, beets, squash and carrots.....	8 00
10 gallons vinegar.....	2 00
2 bushels cranberries.....	4 00
16 bushels onions.....	12 25
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> 96 25
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$2,236 99

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$2,236 99
48 pounds butter.....	12 00	
15 pounds butterine.....	2 25	
300 pounds salt pork.....	30 00	
20 pounds lard.....	2 40	
1 barrel kerosene and barrel. ....	6 50	
1 barrel sugar .....	12 00	
1½ barrels of flour.....	6 75	
90 pounds of ham.....	11 25	
Balance of personal property in house.....	911 63	
	<hr/>	994 78
Total.....		<hr/> \$3,231 77

W. H. H. BURBECK,  
 NOAH PRESCOTT,  
 SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.

*Appraisers of Property at Town Farm.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Gentlemen of the Board of Selectmen:— In compliance with the requirements of the duty of Auditor, the undersigned has made a careful and systematic examination of the accounts of Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Master of the Alms-house, and Treasurer, for the “financial year” ending March 1, 1896. and herewith submits the following complete report:

Four preliminary reports relating to taxes have already been submitted to you.

### TAXES.

The amount of taxes assessed on the polls, and on the real and personal estate, within the town of Westford for the year 1895, which is ascertained by a thorough inspection of Tax Collector's book, and as presented to you in report of July 23, 1895, was as follows, viz:—

Number of polls, 674, at \$2.00 each.....	\$ 1,348 00
Tax on personal property.....	2.991 87
Tax on real estate.....	13,552 93
	\$17,892 80

### UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

Year.	Collector.	Amount due and as reported Mar. 1, '95.	Interest Collected.	Total.	Amount collected including interest and abatements since March 1, 1895.	Amount due March 1, 1896.
1890	Alec Fisher.....	\$ 76 22				\$ 76 22
1891	Alec Fisher.....	254 10				254 10
1892	Isaac E. Day .....	130 91				130 91
1893	Walter C. Wright...	298 60	\$25 02	\$323 62	\$ 301 31	22 31
1894	Walter C. Wright...	1621 10	52 12	1673 22	1249 99	423 23
Total amount of uncollected taxes for the years 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894.....						\$906 77



Your auditor debits Collector Walter C. Wright with the total tax levy for 1895, which was.....	\$17,892 80
For interest collected since January 1, 1896 (taxes of 1895).....	41
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Total amount.....	\$17,893 21
And credits for amounts as follows:	
Actual amount collected Oct. 1.....	\$13,186 30
Five per cent. discount allowed tax-payers on taxes paid on or before Oct. 1.....	694 02
Actual amount collected Dec. 1.....	1,306 08
Three per cent. discount allowed tax-payers on taxes paid on or before Dec. 1.....	40 39
Amount collected between Dec. 2 and Feb. 29.....	775 92
Interest collected.....	41
Rebate of taxes and taxes ordered as errors.....	12 59
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	16,015 71
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Residue of uncollected taxes for 1895 ..	\$1,877 50
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### RECAPITULATION.

Uncollected taxes, 1890.....	\$ 76 22
1891.....	254 10
1892.....	130 91
1893.....	22 31
1894.....	423 23
1895.....	1,877 50
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Total amount of uncollected taxes, March 1, 1896....	\$2,784 27
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### TOWN CLERK.

Number of dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 3, 1895:	
138 at \$2 each.....	\$276 00
4 at \$5 each.....	20 00
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Total amount of license fees.....	\$296 00
Clerk's fees, 142 at 20 cents each.....	28 40
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Balance paid to County Treasurer, as per his vouchers.	\$267 60
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Two hundred fifty-four and twenty-two one hundredths dollars (\$254.22) of the dog license money has been refunded.

## SELECTMEN.

Proper vouchers were found for each and every one of the 372 orders drawn by the Selectmen on the Town Treasurer.

## MASTER OF ALMSHOUSE.

Cash balance March 1, 1895.....	\$ 86 12
Receipts from all sources for the year ending March 1, 1896.....	2,601 46
Making a total of.....	<u>\$2,687 58</u>
Expenditures for the year ending March 1, 1896....	2,503 48
Balance on hand March 1, 1896.....	<u>\$184 10</u>

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Cash balance March 1, 1895.....	\$ 43 81
Receipts from all sources for the year ending March 1, 1896.....	3,095 85
Making a total of.....	<u>\$3,139 66</u>
Expenditures for the year ending March 1, 1896....	3,124 90
Balance on hand March 1, 1896.....	<u>\$14 76</u>

The expenditures of Overseers of the Poor, and the Master of the Almshouse, were all properly vouched, excepting a few trivial amounts, and a few payments made to themselves, which appear in the Town Report.

## TREASURY.

In the audit of the accounts of the Town Treasurer is found :

Receipts during the year ending March 1, 1896.....	\$39,987 24
Expenditures during the year ending March 1, 1896..	<u>\$39,681 91</u>
Excess of receipts over expenditures.....	<u>\$305 33</u>
Balance in the treasury March 1, 1895.....	\$ 1,871 88
Received into the treasury during the year ending March 1, 1896....	39,987 24
Making a total of.....	<u>\$41,859 12</u>
Amount paid from the treasury during the year ending March 1, 1896.....	39,681 91
Balance in the treasury March 1, 1896.....	<u>\$2,177 21</u>

Every item paid from the treasury as represented by the amount \$39,681.91 was properly vouched.

#### FINANCIAL.

The financial condition of the Town March 1, 1896, as taken from the Treasurer's books and other sources, is as follows, viz :

#### LIABILITIES.

Note, First National Bank, Lowell (balance of original note for \$12,500.00).....	\$7,500 00
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#### RESOURCES.

Due from State Aid to soldiers' families....	\$1,104 50	
Due from Military Aid to indigent soldiers..	96 00	
Taxes of 1890 remaining uncollected.....	76 22	
Taxes of 1891 remaining uncollected.....	254 10	
Taxes of 1892 remaining uncollected.....	130 91	
Taxes of 1893 remaining uncollected.....	22 31	
Taxes of 1894 remaining uncollected.....	423 23	
Taxes of 1895 remaining uncollected.....	1,877 50	
Balance of cash in the Treasury.....	2,177 21	
Balance of cash in hands of the Overseers of the Poor.....	14 76	
Balance of cash in hands of the Master of the Almshouse .....	184 10	
	<hr/>	6,360 84
Balance against the Town.....		\$1,139 16

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR B. PLIMPTON,

Graniteville, March 2, 1896.

## REPORT ON CEMETERIES.

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The Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds respectfully submit the following report of work done and expenses incurred during the past year, with recommendations for the year ensuing:—

The largest item of expense is that for making and repairing avenues in Fairview Cemetery. In order to render a desirable portion of the ground easily accessible, it was necessary to make a deep cut through a sharp ridge on the south side. The ploughing of the old ground near the highway brought a large quantity of small stones to the surface. These were put under the avenue made in the southeast corner, thereby raising it and enabling the Superintendent to save the loam for future use in grading lots. Those who remember the condition of the avenues a few years ago cannot fail to notice the great improvement that has now been made. With comparatively slight expense they can hereafter be kept free from grass and weeds, and in good repair.

It was considered more convenient and economical to do all the necessary work on the avenues in one cemetery before commencing it in the others; and it seemed proper to begin with Fairview, it being the largest and most frequented. During the present year it is proposed to make new avenues and repair old ones in the North and the West burial grounds.

A well has been dug near the hearse house and a good pump put in it. According to all indications the supply of water will be permanent and abundant. For washing the hearse and watering plants and shrubs set out in the cemetery, this well will be convenient and useful.

The work of setting out trees, mentioned in our last report, has been well begun. The Superintendent set out about thirty maples last spring on the east and south sides; and about twenty more were set out by Mr. S. M. Hutchins on the north side along the highway. In behalf of the town, the Commissioners gratefully acknowledge this welcome and disinterested service of Mr. Hutchins, and commend to others his generous example.

That the foliage may be more varied, and that the appearance of the cemetery may be rendered less desolate in winter, red cedar,



spruce and other evergreen trees should be set out in suitable places near the deciduous trees. It is our intention to procure trees of this kind, and also some hardy flowering shrubs, during the ensuing year. A hedge near the circular avenue behind the hearse house would be an attractive feature.

In response to the suggestion made in our last annual report, many ladies early in the year signed and presented to the Board a petition that the name of Snow's burial ground be changed to Fairview Cemetery. The petition was gladly granted; and the ground will hereafter be called, in our town reports and records, by this more euphonious and appropriate name. We beg to renew the suggestion made last year, and again request the ladies having friends and relatives buried in the North and the West grounds to consult together and agree upon better names for these secluded but attractive burial places. We gladly acknowledge our error in stating last year that the family of Col. John Robinson had no living representative in Westford; and we again submit to the consideration of those who are interested in the matter the propriety of naming the West burial ground after the most distinguished soldier of our town.

The Commissioners now have three funds entrusted to them, the income of which is to be expended annually on the lots designated by the donors. The last of these was given in December last by Mr. Samuel Horne of Lowell. The funds are invested in Lowell Savings Banks of large deposits and undoubted stability. The attention of those desiring to make perpetual provision for the care of their lots is respectfully called to this excellent method.

The matter of building appropriate gateways at the main entrances to the burial grounds is still under consideration, and some investigation has been made; but it was thought best to defer this improvement for the present and expend the money at our disposal the past year on the avenues, the well and the fertilizing of the old ground.

A summer house of inexpensive but tasteful design, built near the centre of Fairview Cemetery, would be appreciated as a resting place by aged people and others who come from a distance to inspect their lots. It is hoped that money can be spared for this purpose within a few years.

The Commissioners will, as heretofore, receive any sums owners of lots may wish to have expended on them, and do whatever work



is desired. All payments for this purpose should be made to Albert P. Richardson, Superintendent, on or before May 1st. Particular attention is called to the fact that the work must be begun early, in order to keep the lots in good condition during the summer; and the necessary instructions should therefore be given at the time above mentioned.

While the town has done much to improve the condition of the burial grounds, and will doubtless continue to keep avenues and fences in good repair, the care of individual lots still remains under the control of their owners; and whatever beauty our cemeteries may have will be largely due to the contributions they may make, and to the labor they may perform. The large increase in the number of those who employ the Commissioners to attend to their lots is ample proof that our people are increasingly regardful of the burial places of their dead and wish them to be kept green and fair. Many choose to beautify their lots by their own labor and care, thus co-operating with others, perhaps unconsciously, in a work of love and remembrance which cannot fail to elevate the character of the town.

In order to do the work required in the burial grounds, and to make further improvements in some of the ways above indicated, we recommend that the sum of three hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year.

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
ALLAN CAMERON,  
WILLIAM E. FROST,

*Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.							
Balance in Treasury	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$148 98
Appropriation, March, '95	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
Sums received for care of lots, etc. :—							
John W. Abbot, work on tomb	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Sally B. Burrill fund, income	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 24
Frank Butterfisto, lot 244	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Ai Bicknell, work on lot	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Mrs. S. A. Butterfield, lot 344, E. D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Mrs. S. A. Butterfield, care of lot	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 00

*Amount carried forward*..... \$465 22

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	\$465 22
Byron Brow, lot 354, E. D. - - - - -	5 00
True A. Bean, lot 378, E. D. - - - - -	3 00
Mrs. M. A. Cheney, care of Burnett lot - - - - -	1 00
Mrs. John Caunter, lot 21, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
Frank Calvert, lot 26, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
David Carmichael, lot 345, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
S. B. Coburn, lot 75, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Thomas Drew, lot 43, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
Thomas Drew, care of Cephas Drew lot - - - - -	1 00
Miss Alice L. Davis, lot 10, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Mrs. Annie E. Dupee, lot 144, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
S. N. Eaton, lot 342, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
Mrs. Emily Fletcher, S. D. Fletcher lot, - - - - -	2 00
John M. Fletcher, lot 76, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Mrs. Lucy J. Fletcher, lot 92, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Alonzo B. Falls, lot 62, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Mrs. B. Foote, lots 22-3, W. D. - - - - -	2 00
Wm. Gower, lot 42, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
John Greig, lot 14, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
L. S. Gilson, lot 60, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Miss Harriett G. Hamlin, lot 111, W. D. - - - - -	4 00
Charles A. Hamlin, lot 56, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
S. G. Humiston, lot 142, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
Samuel Horne, care of lot - - - - -	1 00
Mrs. Alice R. Harris, lot 73, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
Miss S. E. Hewett, lot 116, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
G. F. Horne, lot 16, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
H. V. Hildreth, lots 42-3, W. D. - - - - -	2 00
Miss R. E. Luce, care of L. Luce lot - - - - -	2 00
Mrs. J. H. Laws, lot 114, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Col. E. D. Metcalf, care of lot - - - - -	2 00
J. Decatur Morse, lot 58, E. D. - - - - -	5 00
John M. Osgood, lot 6, E. D. - - - - -	3 00
Mrs. C. M. Prinn, lot 67, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Mrs. M. A. Parker, care of lot, etc. - - - - -	5 00
William Petherick, lot 339, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
Mrs. H. S. Parker, care of Gates lot - - - - -	1 00
Mary A. Putnam fund, income - - - - -	4 24
J. Henry Read, work on lot - - - - -	5 00
G. G. Read, lot 70, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Mrs. J. W. Revere, care of lot - - - - -	3 00
Mrs. Anna Richardson, lot 74, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
C. W. Spaulding, lot 346, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
Capt. Jacob Smith, lot 95, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Charles J. Searles, lot 66, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
F. O. Stiles, lot 41, E. D. - - - - -	1 00

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*Amount carried forward.....* \$544 46

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	<i>\$544 46</i>
Miss M. Shaw, lot 355, E. D. - - - - -	5 00
Richard Stancombe, lot 340, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
William M. Whitney, lot 21, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Mrs. Almira Wilkins, lot 88, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Gilman J. Wright, lot 28, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Willey M. Wright, lot 24, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
A. A. Wright, lot 34, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
Nahum H. Wright, lots 46-7, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
William H. Willis, lot 17, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
Samuel Willis, lot 20, W. D. - - - - -	1 00
John Wilson, lot 146, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
Myron J. Woods, lot 155, E. D. - - - - -	1 00
William Wigham, lot 54, E. D. - - - - -	2 00
Total, - - - - -	<hr/> \$562 46

## EXPENSES.

G. W. Heywood, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton fertilizer, Fairview Cem. - - -	\$17 00
E. A. Hamlin, painting fence of Robinson lot, West Cem. - - - - -	6 00
B. F. Nutting, labor, North Cem. - - - - -	10 00
E. Lovell, digging well, Fairview Cem. - - - - -	17 50
J. T. Colburn, labor, West Cem. - - - - -	7 00
G. H. Holt, pump, Fairview Cem. - - - - -	14 50
G. W. Heywood, 10 cords manure, Fairview Cem. - - -	45 85
W. W. Johnson, teaming, Fairview Cem. - - - - -	5 75
Wright & Fletcher, tools and grass seed, Fairview Cem., - - -	7 98
A. P. Richardson and others, labor, Fairview Cem. - - -	396 80
Total - - - - -	<hr/> \$528 38
Balance unexpended - - - - -	34 08

## TRUST FUNDS HELD FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS.

Sally B. Burrill fund - - - - -	\$100 00
Mary A. Putnam fund - - - - -	100 00
Samuel Horne fund - - - - -	50 00

## LIBRARY REPORT.

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The character of the books purchased for the Library during the past year is varied, as usual, to satisfy the diversity of the needs and the tastes of our people. Adhering to the approved custom of former years, an attempt has been made to keep the Library abreast of the times by adding to it contemporaneous books which seemed to be of interest and value, and also to enrich it by the purchase of standard works of long established reputation. Considering the amount expended, it is believed that the additions of the past year represent substantial progress in the effort to make the Library a reliable source of wholesome entertainment, and a useful instrument for literary or scholastic research

Among the larger and more valuable works bought during the year are, Von Holst's Constitutional History of the United States, in eight volumes; Thiers' History of the Consulate and the Empire, in twelve volumes; Masson's Life of Milton, in seven volumes; the Dryburgh edition of Scott's novels, in twenty-five volumes, the complete works of Matthew Arnold, in fourteen volumes; the complete works of Huxley, in nine volumes; Cram's excellent Atlas of the World, latest edition; and about fifty carefully selected volumes on the history, theory and practice of education.

Many books, for which the Trustees return grateful acknowledgement, have been presented to the Library during the past year. The thanks of the town are especially due to Mr. True A. Bean, who has given thirty-two bound volumes of interest and value and four sets of magazines, formerly belonging to the library of the Rev. Caleb Blake.

The need of ampler and better accommodations for the Library, so often referred to in former reports, was made the subject of careful deliberation by many of our citizens prior to our last annual town meeting. An excellent site for a new library building had already been acquired by the town; and it seemed to many that the time had come for the people to vote on the proposition to raise by taxation the money needed for building and furnishing a new library. It is believed that our people would cheerfully have voted for this wise and liberal undertaking; but the necessity



for their doing so was most unexpectedly removed by the munificence of Hon. J. Varnum Fletcher of Belmont, who gave the sum of \$10,000 for the new building, and who has since made large additions to the generous sum originally given, in order to make the new Library attractive in appearance as well as spacious and convenient. The town promptly voted \$5,000 in addition to the sum given by Mr. Fletcher, and elected a building committee of eight members, of which Captain Sherman H. Fletcher was subsequently chosen chairman and Herbert V. Hildreth secretary.

The work on the new Library is now far advanced, and in a few months the books will be transferred and the building dedicated. Some revision of the rules and regulations will then become necessary, and the matter of increasing the time during which the Library is to be kept open will be considered. The proper care of the building must be provided for, the reading room supplied with carefully selected papers and periodicals, and other measures taken to make the full usefulness of the new structure available for the benefit of the town.

By vote of the town, and with the hearty concurrence of all, the Library will hereafter bear the name of the loyal son of Westford who has honored himself by giving the noble building dedicated to its uses. The Westford Public Library becomes the J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY; and the new designation will hereafter appear in the books, catalogues and reports. The Library has for many years been an unfailing source of refinement, solace and culture; in the long future its beneficent influence will be enhanced by association with the name of its benefactor. Allusion has frequently been made to its educational value; surely, hereafter, whether the volume taken from the Library be good or poor, the name printed on its label may at least suggest to the thoughtful reader lessons as precious as any pages can teach,—that wise philanthropy is better than hoarded wealth, that the only priceless service is that which promotes human welfare, and that even fine books and splendid libraries are but humble instruments for developing and perfecting something infinitely better and grander than themselves—a benevolent and unselfish character, a stainless, honorable and useful life.

Having rendered all the service in his power to the people of his native town, Mr. Fletcher's noble deed lacks nothing which duty or loyalty can suggest; the town, as a corporate body, having



voted what money was needed for the completion of the work, has also done all that the circumstances or the dictates of civic obligation required : and the result is the creation of favorable conditions for increasing the intelligence, the culture and the contentment of our people.

But the wise and helpful use of these conditions is not within the power of any philanthropic donor to give, nor can it be bestowed by any vote of the town. This is left, wisely and necessarily, to the initiative of individuals ; and if during the coming century the people of Westford are distinguished by the finer and higher character, the purer and nobler ideals, which the love and diligent perusal of good books can develop, it will be because fathers and mothers have seen to it that their children should neither neglect the Library nor resort to it for harmful mental dissipation, but that they should make judicious use of its real treasures and extract from it whatever incentives to noble thought and honorable action the literary genius of the past ages may afford. It is believed that Westford already occupies an enviable position among the towns of Middlesex County, by reason of her enlightened public spirit and the character and intelligence of the people. May the establishment of the J. V. Fletcher Library be the cause and mark the beginning of a still further advance in all that makes for the happiness and honor of our beloved town.

Indications are not wanting that the advantages afforded by the Library are more highly appreciated from year to year. It was a matter of congratulation that we were able to mention in our last report an increase of 828 in the circulation ; but the number of books issued during the past year is 2,714 above the very high figures of the preceding year. This is in part due to the provision made by the town for conveying books weekly to and from Graniteville and Forge Village. It is believed by the Trustees that the expense of carrying the books to these populous villages is wisely incurred.

The Library of 8,564 volumes from which the circulation is 12,093 in a single year, is surely placed where it belongs, and is doing the work for which it was designed.

Early in the spring Miss Kate S. Hamlin resigned her position on the Board of Trustees. Her faithful and efficient service of many years as an officer of the Library justly entitles her to the gratitude of the town. At a joint convention of the Selectmen and

the remaining members of the Board, Julian A. Cameron was chosen to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year.

For the purchase of books and for supplying papers and periodicals for the reading room during the year next ensuing, we recommend that the sum of two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated.

Respectfully submitted,  
 WILLIAM E. FROST,  
 MARGARET A. O'NEILL,  
 JULIAN A. CAMERON,  
*Trustees of Westford Public Library.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand . . . . .	\$177 98
Shoe and Leather Bank, dividend . . . . .	8 00
Lowell Manufacturing Company, dividend . . . . .	15 00
City Institution for Savings, dividend . . . . .	40 00
Appropriation . . . . .	150 00
Dog Licenses . . . . .	254 22
Presented by Mrs. L. L. Tappan . . . . .	1 00
“ “ Mrs. J. H. Wright . . . . .	1 00
“ “ Mrs. J. A. Jones . . . . .	2 00
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	\$649 20

### EXPENDITURES.

Willard Small, for books . . . . .	\$352 32
Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	147 78
G. O. Wright, for books . . . . .	3 50
F. J. Barnard & Co., rebinding books . . . . .	31 79
D. Appleton & Co., for books . . . . .	5 00
C. A. Nichols, for books . . . . .	5 00
Ginn & Co., for books . . . . .	1 75
Silver, Burdett & Co., for books . . . . .	4 85
American Book Co., for books . . . . .	15 68
D. C. Heath & Co., for books . . . . .	16 39
Wright & Fletcher, for books . . . . .	2 00
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., for books . . . . .	44 16
C. B. Botsford & Co., paper . . . . .	6 00
Westford Review Club, for magazines . . . . .	4 00
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	\$640 22
Balance . . . . .	\$8 98

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Number of books purchased . . . . .	420
Public documents received from the State . . . . .	28
“ “ “ “ United States . . . . .	9
Volumes presented . . . . .	38
Whole number of books added during the year . . . . .	495
Whole number of pamphlets added during the year . . . . .	34
Whole number of books in Library . . . . .	8,564
Number of books lost . . . . .	2
Number of books issued . . . . .	12,093

## BOOKS PRESENTED TO THE LIBRARY.

Mrs. Eben Prescott, six R. B. Thomas almanacs.	
Mr J. M. Fletcher, two R. B. Thomas almanacs, one catalogue.	
Mr. W. E. Frost, three catalogues.	
Mr. W. O. Hawkes, two volumes.	
Mr. T. A. Bean, thirty-two volumes, four sets magazines.	
Mr. Edwin L. Metcalf, one volume.	
Middlesex Bar Association, one volume.	
Amount of fines received . . . . .	\$6 40
Paid for supplies, etc. . . . .	4 93
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Balance . . . . .	1 47

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ADDED TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1895-6

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Consulate and Empire of France under Napoleon Louis Adolphe Thiers. 12 vols. . . . .	747-58
Documents Illustrative of American History, 1606-1863. Howard W. Preston . . . . .	716
Egypt. History from Earliest Times to XVI Dynasty W. M. Flinders Petrie . . . . .	711
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Colonies, The. 1492-1750. Reuben Gold Thwaites . . . . .	713
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Barras, Memoirs.	Ed. by George Durny.	2 vols.	789-90
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# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To Isaac E. Day, one of the Constables of the Town of Westford,  
in said County,*

## GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the sixteenth day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at eight o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at 8.15 o'clock A. M., and closed at one o'clock P. M.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to-wit:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2d. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 3d. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, for one year; one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, all for three years; two Trustees of the Public Library, one for two years and one for three years; Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two Constables, and one Auditor, all for one year; also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" all on one ballot.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Trustees of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.

- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for Town debts and charges.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for Public Schools.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money to pay tuition of High School scholars, residents of the Town, at Westford Academy.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for support of Poor.
- 17th. To raise and appropriate money for School Text Books and Supplies.
- 18th. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time to meet the demands on the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 20th. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, and act in relation to the same.
- 21st. By request of the Veteran Association, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 22d. By request of the citizens of Graniteville and Forge Village to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these two villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 23d. By request of W. F. Balch, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in the south part of the Town, and act in relation to the same.
- 24th. By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will adopt the By-laws relating to truants and disorderly children, as published in the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.

- 25th. By the same, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the transportation of scholars and to consolidate the three schools, as recommended in the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 26th. By the same, to see if the Town will change the time of holding the annual Town Meeting from the third Monday in March to the first Monday in April, to take effect next year, and act in relation to the same.
- 27th. By request of John W. Abbot, to see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to have the sessions of the Public Schools limited to five hours each day instead of six hours, as now established, and act in relation to the same.
- 28th. By request of Thomas E. Symmes, to see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to dispense with recesses in our Public Schools, and act in relation to the same.
- 29th. By request of Melbourne F. Hutchins, to see if the Town will vote to make the salary of the Town Treasurer One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per year, and act in relation to the same.
- 30th. By request of the Building Committee of the J. V. Fletcher Library, to see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of dedicating the new Library building, when completed, and to take any other action necessary to carry out a celebration that will be a credit and honor to the Town, and act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT. and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this second day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred ninety six.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,  
 GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,  
 JULIAN A. CAMERON,

*Selectmen of Westford.*

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE  
Town of Westford, Mass.

FOR THE  
SCHOOL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1896.



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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR } 1895-96.

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A. J. ABBOT, Chairman	.	.	.	Term expires 1897
A. R. CHOATE	.	.	.	" " 1898
FRANK H. HILDRETH	.	.	.	" " 1896
W. J. SLEEPER, Secretary	.	.	.	" " 1897
MRS. ALTA M. TAYLOR	.	.	.	" " 1898
ALFRED WOODBURY	.	.	.	" " 1896

EDMUND P. BARKER, Superintendent of Schools.  
Residence, Ayer, Mass.



## ANNUAL REPORT.

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### *Citizens of Westford:*

The membership of the Board for this year has been the same as for the year previous and was organized with Mr. A. J. Abbot, Chairman, and W. J. Sleeper, Secretary.

During the year, in accordance with the vote of the town at its annual meeting in March, 1895, the names of the schools have been established legally, thus replacing the numbers formerly used. No change was made from the previous general designations with one exception, and that the school numbered 9, which was usually spoken of as the Lyon School. This was designated the Wright School, on account of its being the original Wright district and the school established by that family. The present names and the former numbers are given:—

Centre . . . . .	No. 1
Stony Brook . . . . .	" 2
Forge Village . . . . .	" 3
Nashoba . . . . .	" 4
Parkerville . . . . .	" 5
Minot's Corner . . . . .	" 6
Nabnassett . . . . .	" 7
Long-Sought-For . . . . .	" 8
Wright . . . . .	" 9
Graniteville . . . . .	" 10

No great changes have been made in the various buildings, merely where new blackboards were needed or old ones to be redone, slate blackboards have been introduced and will gradually supersede the former kind, being in the course of time more economical and making a great saving in dust. New blackboards are demanded at the Centre School, and will have to be added this year. The upper room here is far from a proper room for school children, and the light especially notoriously poor, so that during the winter afternoons the sessions should be shortened, unless the light can be differently arranged, to save the eyesight of the pupils. Some change in the building will have to be considered very soon. Other closets are needed at the Graniteville School. The addition

of music to the course of instruction has been beneficial and the progress made very satisfactory, as will be seen by the report of the special teacher.

The most important action of the year was the arranging with the Westford Academy Trustees for furnishing High School instruction to the pupils of our town according to Chap. 94, Acts 1895, and by indenture as accepted by a meeting of the voters of the town, held June 1, 1895. By this we have paid the tuition of our scholars during three terms, and the Trustees have taken steps towards erecting a more suitable building and fully equipping the same. Certain changes have been made by the Supervising Board in the course, as suggested by the Superintendent of Schools, and the time is yet too short to show the full results to the town, which we have no doubt but that time will fully show to be a mutually beneficial arrangement. Your Committee elected as a member of the Supervising Board, which has charge of the educational matters of the Academy, W. J. Sleeper, and the Trustees chose George T. Day. The third member who was selected by them was Henry M. Wright of Quincy, who holds a position on the staff of the English High School of Boston, and who is a son of Westford as well as an alumnus of the Academy.

By Chap. 498, Acts of 1894, entitled an act relative to the attendance of children in the schools, certain previous laws were codified and some sections added. We call your attention to Sections 19, 20, 21 and 22, as appended:—

SECT. 19. Each town shall make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning habitual truants, and children between seven and fifteen years of age who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places therein, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, *and such children as persistently violate the reasonable rules and regulations of the public schools*; and shall make such by-laws as shall be most conducive to the welfare of such children, and to the good order of such town; and shall provide suitable places for the confinement, discipline and instruction of such children.

SECT. 20. The school committee of each town shall appoint and fix the compensation of two or more suitable persons, to be designated truant officers, who shall, under the direction of said committee, inquire into all cases arising under such by-laws, and shall alone be authorized, in case of violation thereof, to make complaint and carry into execution the judgment thereon; and who may serve all legal processes issued by the courts in pursuance of such by-laws, or of sections fifteen to twenty-four inclusive of this act, but who shall not be entitled to receive any fees for such service.

SECT. 21. Any minor convicted under a by-law made under section nineteen of this act of being an habitual truant, or of wandering about in the streets and

public places of a city or town, having no lawful employment or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, or of persistently violating the rules and regulations of the public schools, shall be committed to any institution of instruction or suitable situation provided for the purpose, under the authority of said section or by-law, for a term not exceeding two years.

SECT. 22. Whoever, after notice from a truant officer to refrain from so doing, offers a reward for services to any child, in consequence of which reward such child is induced unlawfully to absent himself from school, or whoever, after notice as aforesaid, in any manner entices or induces any child to truancy, or whoever knowingly employs or harbors any truant or unlawful absentee from school, shall forfeit not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars to the use of the public schools of the city or town in which said offence occurs, to be recovered by complaint.

No prosecutions have yet been made under the provisions of this law, but there are a considerable number of parents who are criminally neglectful of the welfare of their children and the laws of the state. It is proposed to have the new law tested upon some of them, not in any spirit of spite or bitterness but in the interest of the children, in the belief that one or two convictions will have a good influence on those who are disposed to be careless, or worse in this respect, and a conscientious belief that the greatest favor that can be done a child is to see that he has, even against his will if need be the advantage of an education. The truant officers will be supplied with warrants and arrest and detention in the truant school will follow for those who persistently violate the rules of the schools. Hitherto boys so bad as to be suspended from school have been held to be practically beyond the reach of any law, because being willing to attend school they could not be proceeded against as truants while the school law could no longer affect those who were debarred from school privileges. Such can now be proceeded against under the above law and to the advantage of both boy and school. To conform with the above law the following are recommended.

#### BY LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. The Town of Westford hereby avails itself of the several provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth now in force relative to habitual truants, absentees from school, and such children as persistently violate the reasonable rules and regulations of the public schools.

ARTICLE 2 The County Truant School at North Chelmsford is hereby assigned as the place for the restraint, discipline and instruction of children described in Article 1.

ARTICLE 3 All by-laws heretofore adopted by the Town of Westford which are inconsistent with the above are hereby repealed.

By reference to the report of the truant officers it will be seen that of the 19 cases investigated only six were truants, and the remainder were cases in which the parents were entirely responsible, and in the majority of all cases of trouble in and with the schools which the truant officers are called to investigate, the parents are largely to blame and make extra expense to the town.

January 15, 1896, agents Geo. L. Walton, and J. W. MacDonald of the State Board of Education visited us, examined some of the schools and Academy, and also met the people in a talk at the Town Hall in the evening.

The meeting was profitable and a report will be made by them to the committee of their visit with suggestions.

They should visit us each year.

In considering all questions of schools, and especially financial ones, we feel that there are several points to be considered. First, the pupils, our children, they must have the best we can give them and as far as possible equal to others in accommodations, teachers and equipments. We must also consider their parents, and the expenditure of their money, and get and give them as much as we can. We are also bound to consider equally the taxpayer who has no children, but who yet contributes to the school fund his yearly tax. Are we justified in using his money in ways not economical? It takes one merely long enough to answer to say, No. However, these are certain matters which are for the town to consider, and we only act as agents to make the suggestions and carry out the decrees.

When the tuitions at the Academy were paid by the parents of the pupils, the standard of admission was lower than that of the ordinary high school. This was because of a general desire on the part of parents to get their children into the Academy at as early an age as possible, and start them on a continuous course of training.

The schools of this town now have a course of study which corresponds closely with that customary in other towns. This covers a period of eight years, and the work of these years are known as grades, the eighth grade being the highest, and when properly completed the pupil of the eighth grade should be quali-



fied to enter a high school. Last year there was a number of pupils who had completed their seventh grade and who should have gone on to the eighth. We then found, as we have since learned that other towns have also, that schools having but one teacher could not instruct their scholars in this eighth grade. There is not time enough to do it, and we are also convinced that six grades are all that one teacher can reasonably look after.

These scholars were put into the Academy and have received instruction there during the past year, because there was no other place for them, but we cannot expect the Academy Trustees will long consent to give this instruction, which seems clearly outside their contract to give a high school education. Neither will the high school course of study be equal to what it would be if the time of the Academy teachers was devoted strictly to the studies belonging to that course, instead of being devoted in part to preparing scholars for it. For both these reasons it seems very necessary that some provision be made for teaching eighth grade pupils.

Knowing that the Trustees of the Academy were about to erect a building containing three school rooms, your Committee held a conference with the Trustees resident in the town, and received assurances from them that one of these rooms would be offered to the town free of rental, heating and janitor service if the town would furnish a teacher. Considering this a very liberal offer, your Committee now recommend that, beginning next September, when it is expected the new building will be completed, another teacher be employed to instruct the eighth grade pupils from all the schools and the seventh grade pupils from all the schools now having but one teacher.

The effect of this would be that the schools at the Centre, Graniteville and Forge Village would continue to instruct their seventh grade pupils as now, and send their eighth grade scholars to this new school. All the other schools in town would send their seventh and eighth grade scholars to the new school, except it might be more convenient to send seventh grade pupils from Wright and Long-Sought-For schools to the Graniteville Grammar School.

If this plan is adopted we consider that the outlying schools will be relieved by about four classes per day, which will give so much more time for instruction in the first six grades, and the scholars left in these schools should get along faster and do more thorough work than they do now.



And we have to pay our tribute of appreciation to the teachers of the outlying schools who, we believe, are doing excellent work while engaged at a great disadvantage in trying to keep their scholars in line with the pupils of those schools where two or more teachers are employed. A suitable teacher for an eighth grade school could not be employed at less than \$10 per week, perhaps more, which would mean an expenditure of about \$375.

There are two ways by which this expenditure could be met.

One way is by increasing the appropriation for schools by the above amount and increasing taxation to that extent. This would mean an increase of the tax rate of about 33 cents per thousand dollars.

Another way would be by consolidating three smaller schools with others and transporting their pupils. The saving thus made would pay for maintaining the new school, and we believe that the plan as a whole will be highly beneficial, as it is in line with the plan of consolidation of schools which has been tried in many towns with excellent results, and is a change which seems to have come to stay.

The details of this plan are as follows: Minot's Corner School to be closed; its pupils of the first six grades to go to the Centre Primary and Centre Grammar, and the seventh grade to go to the new school. Long-Sought-For School to be closed; its pupils of the first six grades to go to the Wright School; its seventh grade pupils to go to Graniteville Grammar. The Wright School will thus be increased by these pupils of Long-Sought-For, but on the other hand its seventh grade scholars will go to Graniteville Grammar, lessening its number to that extent and leaving it a moderate sized school, teaching only six grades of pupils. Parkerville School to be closed; its pupils of the first six grades to go to Nashoba and of the seventh grade to the new school at the Centre. Nashoba is thus increased by the pupils of the first six grades of Parkerville, and it will be decreased by its scholars of the seventh grade going to the new school, and as it is a rather small school now it will be a school only of fair size and teach only the first six grades. By the plan thus presented it will be seen that no new buildings are required to put it in operation.

We present some figures showing the saving we think could be accomplished by this latter plan. On page 15 of the School Report for 1895 answers from twenty towns showed an average

amount appropriated for transportation of \$744, and the average number of scholars transported as 46. This gives an average cost for transportation of \$16.17 per pupil. In order to be more on the safe side we have considered the cost at \$18, per pupil.

Memoranda of the cost of maintaining three schools for the year ending March 1, 1895, and the saving that would probably have been made by closing them and transporting the scholars to other schools:—

	Cost of School.	Cost of Transportation.	Saving.
<b>MINOT'S CORNER SCHOOL.</b>			
Salary of teacher and cost of fuel and janitor. Also, extra labor and repairs amounting to \$10.88	-		
Total	-	\$326 06	
Cost of transporting 12 pupils at \$18 each	-	\$216 00	
Saving by transportation	-		\$110 06
<b>PARKERVILLE SCHOOL.</b>			
Salary of teacher and cost of fuel and janitor. Also, extra labor and repairs amounting to \$8.28	-		
Total	-	329 03	
Cost of transporting 10 scholars at \$18	-	180 00	
Saving by transportation	-		149 03
<b>LONG-SOUGHT-FOR SCHOOL.</b>			
Salary of teacher and cost of fuel and janitor. Also, extra labor and repairs amounting to \$34.84	-	360 65	
Cost of transporting 11 scholars at \$18	-	198 00	
Saving by transportation	-		162 65
	<u>\$1,015 74</u>	<u>\$594 00</u>	<u>\$421 74</u>
The cost of a teacher for the seventh and eighth grade pupils would probably be: 36 weeks at \$10	-	360 00	

It will be seen from the foregoing statement that the saving by transporting the pupils would probably support a teacher for the seventh and eighth grades, and leave a balance over of \$61.74.

In recommending the employment of a teacher for the seventh and eighth grades your committee particularly wish to help the schools which have but one teacher, and are accordingly at a disadvantage by having a large number of classes. We should recommend this did it necessarily mean increased taxation, but it

will be seen by the foregoing statement that it does not. So many towns have tried transporting scholars, and it has so generally proved satisfactory, it can hardly be considered an experiment. From motives of economy your committee have not recommended the transportation of seventh and eighth grade scholars, but only of the first six grades. The seventh and eighth grade pupils we consider can get to their respective schools without hardship, as they will probably average thirteen, fourteen or fifteen years of age.

We here give a table showing the cost of the schools in each part of the town, for the year ending March 1, 1895. Owing to the short time between closing the schools and the printing of the Town Report, it is impossible to tabulate from the statistics for the year ending March 1st, 1896, but the three schools referred to are no larger this year than last, and the conclusions arrived at are equally applicable to both years.

Name of School.	Cost of School.	Average Membership.	Cost per Pupil.
Long-Sought-For - - -	\$ 360 65	10.9	\$ 33 09
Parkerville - - - -	329 01	10.1	32 53
Minot's Corner - - - -	326 06	12.1	27 00
Nashoba - - - - -	358 35	16.9	21 20
Wright - - - - -	324 72	15.8	20 55
Nabnassett - - - - -	419 35	21.9	19 15
Centre - - - - -	775 81	47.4	16 37
Stony Brook - - - - -	412 62	26.7	15 45
Graniteville - - - - -	1,602 85	117.3	13 66
Forge Village - - - - -	804 52	61.4	13 10

Messrs. A. Woodbury and Frank H. Hildreth dissent from the section on consolidation and transportation.

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ALFRED WOODBURY,  
*School Committee.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1895.

## INCOME.

Balance of Massachusetts School Fund	-	-	-	\$	214	43
Appropriation	-	-	-	-	5,200	00
From State, on account of Supt. of Schools	-	-	-	-	200	00
Tuition from town of Groton	-	-	-	-	17	00
Income Massachusetts School Fund	-	-	-	-	269	20
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					\$5,900	

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,931	00
Fuel	-	-	-	-	-	501	25
Janitor service	-	-	-	-	-	374	97
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					\$5,807		22
Balance	-	-	-	-	-	\$93	41

This shows a balance by using the income from Massachusetts school fund in order to balance accounts. This really should not be used until this coming year's account, and there is a real deficit of \$175.79.

## TOWN PUPILS IN WESTFORD ACADEMY.

Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,000	00
Expended for Tuition	-	-	-	-	-	-	726	00
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Balance unexpended, but for use in paying tuition next term	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$274	00

## TEXT BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$450	00
Expended	-	-	-	-	-	-	480	59
Overdrawn	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	59

But there is a credit to your account with Ginn & Co. of Boston for old books turned over to them of \$13.31, making the amount overdrawn only \$17.28

## TEXT BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR TOWN PUPILS IN THE ACADEMY.

Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$225	00
Expended	-	-	-	-	-	-	180	52
Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	48

## APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,200	00
Town Pupils in Academy	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	00
Text books and school supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	750	00



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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*To the School Committee of Westford:*

My third annual report is herewith respectfully submitted, recounting the work of the year and discussing the needs of the future. The report of the Music Teacher, report of the Truant Officers, the program of the Common Schools Graduation Exercises, the roll of honor, list of teachers, and table of statistics, are appended.

### ATTENDANCE.

In the table of statistics have been incorporated the statistics of the Academy for the fall term. So, too, pupils who attended the common schools in the spring, but the Academy in the fall, have been enumerated with those of the Academy. In these respects the statistics of this year differ from those of former years.

If we make allowance for these differences, a comparison of this year with last shows that :

1. The whole number of different pupils has been about the same.
2. An increase of twenty-eight is shown in average attendance.
3. The per cent. of attendance has increased one per cent. over last year, and two per cent. over the year before.
4. An increase of tardiness appears.

This increase, excluding the Academy, is one hundred and ten marks, and may be accounted for almost exactly by the increase reported in one small school.

In the following schools an improvement is shown per pupil : Centre Primary, Forge Primary, Stony Brook, Long-Sought-For, Graniteville Grammar, Intermediate, and Upper Primary.

Since the beginning of the fall term teachers have reported to the superintendent the time lost by reason of tardinesses and dismissals. Taking all the common schools in town for a period of six months, there were 989 tardy marks, representing a loss of 8757 minutes; and 367 instances of dismissal, whereby 18,977 minutes were lost.

In the total this is about eighty days of school time for one



pupil, almost entirely wasted and with very deplorable results to the schools.

It may not be without profit to compare the amount lost in these two ways. The average time lost by each tardy mark was between eight and nine minutes; by each dismissal mark, about fifty-two minutes. Thus it appears that a dismissal interferes with the school work six times as much as a tardiness. Evidently teachers are warranted in being very strict in their endeavors to prevent unnecessary dismissals, and parents are in duty bound to leave their children at school up to the very close of the school session, except in cases of extreme urgency.

This exact record of time lost is made by direction of the state authorities, and furnishes accurate evidence of a serious loss to the school work. In accordance with this method of keeping the records, a pupil is given credit for just the time he is in school, be it five minutes, fifty minutes, or five hours. When the minutes lost amount to the time of one half-day, they appear as such in his permanent record.

This marks the disappearance, it may be expected, of the once frequent custom of pupils who could not attend during the day coming to school in the morning "to get excused," or "to get their names on," as it was termed. Now, no pupil "gets his name on" as attending unless he actually does attend, and only for as many minutes as he is present. Every minute he is absent is recorded as absence. His polite expressions of regret at his enforced absence may very well be conveyed to the teacher upon his return to school.

The banner for best attendance has been assigned monthly as follows: Long-Sought-For, three times; Parkerville, twice; Nabnasset, twice; Graniteville Intermediate, once; Wright, once.

## AGE AND SCHOOLING CERTIFICATES.

Mr. Arthur Wright has been designated by the Superintendent to sign age and schooling certificates at Graniteville, and Mr. George H. Prescott at Forge Village. For the period covered by this report Mr. Wright reports eight certificates issued; Mr. Prescott reports twenty-three.

The work performed by these gentlemen is important and sometimes burdensome, in the performance of which philanthropic motives alone actuate them, as they are by law prohibited from receiving any fees for their services.

## SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

Of last year's teachers eight are still in charge of the same schools; two others are on the list, but in different schools. Of the five remaining teachers three have been in their positions through the entire year. Thus it will be seen that comparatively few changes have been made, a fact that has contributed, in no small degree, to the general prosperity of the year.

Three or four teachers attended the Martha's Vineyard Summer School last season. Teachers have been interested to visit schools in other places, not only when they would thereby take the time from their own schools, but also during vacations. Teachers have, perhaps with but one exception, been faithful in attending the teachers' meetings, and have shown a willing spirit in incorporating into their daily work the suggestions there received. Teachers have also subscribed for and read educational journals. In some instances they have purchased books upon the principles and methods of teaching. Thus it may be said in a general way that teachers have done something for their self-improvement, to render their services more valuable to the town.

Probably it would not be wide the mark to say that while all the schools have felt the impetus of efforts made in their behalf, yet, owing partly to the conditions to which they are subject, a decided improvement is noticeable in only a portion. For the most part, the degree of success attained measures quite accurately the teacher's qualifications for her work. A partial exception is found in the mixed schools, which are either so small as to lack the ordinary incentives to good work, or, being of good size, have so many classes as to make exorbitant demands upon the time and strength of the teacher.

The increase in salaries of the teachers for the graded schools has been an act of justice, has not lessened the zeal with which they have prosecuted their work, and has made it easier for us to compete with other towns in securing and retaining acceptable teachers for our most difficult schools.

## TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

These have been maintained monthly, as in former years, the second one of the fall term being replaced by the teachers' convention at Ayer, which our teachers attended. One meeting each term is appointed at the Centre, the others at Graniteville. In the

building where the meeting is to be held, school keeps on the afternoon of that day until nearly two o'clock, and teachers from other schools are expected to visit in these schools until the time for the meeting.

At each of these meetings for three years, a half-hour lesson in Swedish gymnastics has been given to the teachers by Mrs. Barker. For this purpose she has given a half-day of her time and her services each month, and this word of public recognition would seem her due. The teachers have appreciated this part of the program, have been interested to take the exercises, and in many schools the subject has been taught faithfully and with very good results. Its importance is second to none, for a healthy body is the prime requisite of a sound mind.

### COURSE OF STUDY.

During the year the revision of the course of study has been completed in the directions outlined last year. Phonics for the first and second years have received special attention. The history of the Town of Westford has been taken up in the grammar grades, as a feature of their weekly history work.

The systematic analysis of sentences has been developed, beginning with the fourth grade.

The introduction of Frye's geographies has done something to supplement the course of study in that subject, furnishing proper matter and directing attention to, in fact, necessitating, good methods of instruction.

But the great innovation in the course of study during the year has been the introduction of music under a special teacher. This has met with success from the start. The music teacher plans the work and shows the regular teacher how to carry it on. When the music teacher enters, all other work is laid aside, and both teacher and pupils give their attention solely to her. In this, just as in other branches, good results are obtained only where the teachers are efficient,—keeping good order and working faithfully and methodically.

In one school the older children have aided the teacher by training the younger ones, either in the rear of the room, or in the grove near by.

## GRADUATION EXERCISES.

In June a class of thirteen was graduated from the seven years' public school course. A program of the exercises will be found at the end of this report. The parts were performed by the pupils with credit. Dr. W. J. Sleeper, Secretary of the School Committee, presided. Mr. John T. Prince, Agent of the State Board of Education, honored the occasion by his presence and an address. After remarks by others the diplomas were presented in a felicitous manner by the Chairman of the School Committee, Mr. A. J. Abbot.

A statement may be pertinent here as to the meaning of these graduation exercises. Nine years is the usual length of the common school course required to prepare pupils for admission to standard high schools. A few towns shorten this time to eight years and maintain substantially the same standard as the nine years' course, by being more severe in the requirements for promotion from grade to grade.

Now, in establishing a course of study of but seven years for our schools — mixed schools with seven grades, all under one teacher, or grammar schools with three grades—it should not for a moment be imagined that we expect to do the work of a standard eight or nine years' course in seven years. We are not so much smarter than the other towns of our commonwealth, nor are our opportunities so much in advance of theirs, as to make it possible for us to do in seven years that for which all the world beside needs eight or nine years. Least of all is it worth our while to pretend to do that which, in the nature of the case, is impossible.

These graduation exercises are intended to indicate one fact,—that the graduates have pursued with success the course of study as laid down at present through seven years. That is what it meant last year, that is what it will mean this year, and what it must continue to mean, from the very nature of the case, until the town can make provision for the instruction of these pupils through an added eighth year, in an additional school.

## THE ACADEMY.

The advantages of a higher institution of learning in a town are very great. When its doors are thrown open to all young people of the town of requisite attainments, without any charge for tuition or expense for books, its invitation to come and study



becomes so hospitable that young people not only cannot afford, but are not likely, to forego its offered advantages. That such has been the development of the year in our own town is a cause for sincere congratulation; while the erection, in the immediate future, of a new school building for the Academy will add much to the attractiveness and efficiency of this time-honored institution.

### NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS.

These, in the nature of the case, are many and important, but none perhaps more than the following :

I. An additional school at the Centre. The class to be graduated from the seven years' public school course in June next, needs another year of instruction and drill upon grammar school studies before taking up high school work in the Academy. In the past this grammar school work has been pursued, as a make-shift, in the Academy. But the nature of the work is that of the common schools and the subjects should rightly be acquired there before entering the Academy. What provision shall be made for this class next fall? It may be of interest to cite the way in which Littleton, our neighboring town, has settled this very question. Five years ago there were three teachers at the Centre, High, Grammar and Primary. Now there are five, two more at the Centre, but two less in the outlying districts. The High School is doing strictly high school work with two teachers, while an Intermediate School has been established between the Grammar and Primary Schools.

II. The school year should be lengthened to thirty-six weeks.

III. The appropriation for school books should be increased. The lack has been especially felt in the matter of reading books this year, a study of the highest importance and requiring an ample variety of suitable reading matter for the best results.

The needs of the schools thus far discussed may be characterized as favoring conditions. While they are only such, yet they are reasonable and necessary. What would be thought of a man who furnished his children with bicycles or ponies for their pleasure, but whose wife still "fetched water" by the bucketful from the spring below the hill, or spent half her time feeding the kitchen fire with light brushwood for fuel! The windmills dotting our rural landscape prove that thought and money have been spent in improving the conditions under which household work is performed. The



school-house work, too, should share in this general improvement. It is not pertinent to tell how schools were conducted years ago under different circumstances. As the conditions have changed, we do but justice to the schools when we apply the same degree of helpfulness to the education of the children of to-day that we do to their recreations and to household toil of the family.

IV. But the greatest need of our schools is better teaching. Appropriations of money, buildings, supplies, committee-meetings, courses of study, supervision, teachers' meetings, all have their direct influence upon the school only through the teachers, and sadly miss their mark if they do not result in teaching, either of the highest efficiency and character, or of a constant growth in these respects. Unquestionably these expenditures do fall short in many cases of reasonably good results.

Ill health, burdensome home duties, lack of energy, of ambition, of appreciation of a teacher's opportunities and responsibilities, a dissipation of time and strength in social engagements, a lack of professional training, and sometimes of adequate academic education; above all, a lack of scholarly spirit, studying in preparation for each day's work,—studying for greater usefulness,—studying for the delight it affords; so, too, a failure to study ahead beyond the next day's requirements, and, thus, not appreciating the relation of each day's work to that of the whole term, or year;—these are some of the causes of poor teaching, personal to the teacher, and largely within her power to remove.

Better teaching is our greatest need.

## CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report I wish to speak in high terms of the devotion and faithfulness exhibited by the teachers; my appreciation of the active interest and participation in the school work displayed by the committee; and my conviction that the time is at hand when an enlightened and prevalent public sentiment must and will demand that advance steps be taken to place before every child in the town of Westford as many aids and allurements to self-improvement as are furnished anywhere in the Commonwealth.

EDMUND P. BARKER,  
*Superintendent.*

## REPORT OF MUSIC TEACHER.

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The first year of instruction in music in the public schools of Westford is drawing to a close and it is well to look back and see what has been accomplished.

The work has been so arranged that I have seen each teacher every other week.

From the beginning my aim has been to teach sight-reading ; that is, that the pupil should be able to take a piece of music in whatever key it is written and sing it at once, just as he would read a story at sight.

We first teach the scale as a whole and then develop the various intervals of the scale by combining the sounds in all ways. If this work has received careful attention, the pupil is now ready to commence the reading of notes in the key of C, and, in a short time, will be reading easy music in the nine different keys. The rhythmical characters of two, three and four part measures have been established by constant drill.

A little boy was asked where he went to school, and he replied, "In the place of beginnings." He had heard the primary school called a place for beginners ; and just here, in the primary school, is where we work slowly, but very surely, to lay a firm foundation for all subsequent work.

In the grammar classes, when music is first introduced, we expect to meet with some obstacles which will be overcome as the grade of the work is raised from year to year.

We always meet with a number of boys and girls who have been told that they cannot sing until they honestly believe it. Another class of voices cannot take a given pitch, or do not respond at all when asked to sing higher or lower, while other voices may be harsh and unmusical. But in neither one nor all of these instances combined, have we proved that the child cannot be taught to sing correctly and sweetly. Time and tone-perception *can be taught* just the same as weight, distance, color, memory. We teach the children to sing softly ; our aim being quality rather than quantity. In order that this work may be well done, it seems to me absolutely necessary that the teacher should have a correct

ear, either natural or acquired, that she may know if her class gives correct tones

The teachers have worked with me so faithfully that I cannot close this report without saying that to them is due the measure of success that has been attained.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GATES LOCKHART.

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## REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

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In accordance with the requirements of the Commonwealth and the vote of the town, the following report of the Truant Officers is presented :

Cases investigated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Cases brought to trial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Found to be truants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

A. R. CHOATE,

E. DE ROEHN,

*Truant Officers.*

## GRADUATING EXERCISES.

## PROGRAM.

## Prayer.

1. Singing, - - - By the Schools.
2. Recitation, - - - "Guilty or Not Guilty."  
Ruth P. Tuttle.
3. Recitation, - - - "The Spoiled Statue."  
J. Matilda Bicknell.
4. Recitation, - - - "The Wayside Pump."  
Frank A. Wright.
5. Essay, - - - The History of a Pin.  
Bessie G. Sherburne.
6. Recitation, - - - "Sheridan's Ride."  
George W. Butterworth.
7. Recitation, - - - "David Shaw, Hero."  
Lewis H. Robey.
8. Essay, - - - John Quincy Adams.  
Guy R. Decatur.
9. Recitation, - - - Yussouf.  
Ida F. Hartford.
10. Song, - - - "Father and Mother are Growing Old."  
Ethel H. Woodbury.
11. Exercise in Swedish Gymnastics.  
Centre Grammar School.
12. Essay, - - - A Piece of Granite.  
William J. Charlton.
13. Recitation, - - - "The Wreck of the Hesperus."  
Ethel L. Adams.
14. Recitation, - - - Tennyson's "Bugle Song."  
Centre Grammar School.
15. Song, - - - "The Alpine Horn."  
Julia F. Burke.
16. Recitation, - - - "The Burial March of Dundee."  
J. Henry Decatur.
17. Farewell Song, - - - By the Schools.
18. Presentation of Diplomas.

## GRADUATES, 1895.

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*Centre Grammar School.*— Ida Florence Hartford, Lewis Henry Robey, Ruth Perham Tuttle, Frank Austin Wright.

*Stony Brook School.*— Guy Roberts Decatur, John Henry Decatur.

*Parkerville School.*— Ethel Leonia Adams, Jane Matilda Bicknell, George Warren Butterworth, Ethel Howard Woodbury.

*Long-Sought-For School.*— Julia Frances Burke, Bessie Gertrude Sherburne.

*Graniteville Grammar School.*— William Joseph Charlton.



## ROLL OF HONOR.

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The numerals show the number of terms neither absent nor tardy during the year.

### CENTRE GRAMMAR.

Annie Harris, . . .	3
Charlotte Prescott, . .	3
Sidney Wright, . . .	2
Willie Millis, . . .	2
Albert Harris, . . .	1
Fannie Bannister, . .	1
Ruth Tuttle, . . .	1
Mollie Holden, . . .	1

### CENTRE PRIMARY.

Robert Prescott, . . .	3
Allan Whitney, . . .	1
Marguerite Bannister, .	1
Frances Browe, . . .	1
Stella Hartford, . . .	1
Dorothy Sleeper, . . .	1
Warren Wright, . . .	1

### STONY BROOK.

Grace Fletcher, . . .	2
Emma Johnson, . . .	1
John Taylor, . . .	1
Ida Walkden, . . .	1
Elmer Kimball, . . .	1
Andrew Sheehan, . . .	1

### FORGE GRAMMAR.

Emily Catchpole, . . .	2
Edward Hanley, . . .	1
Nettie Teale, . . .	1

### LONG-SOUGHT-FOR.

Katie Burke, . . .	3
Leonard Dane, . . .	1
Elsie Decatur, . . .	1
Eva Decatur, . . .	1
Julia Burke, . . .	1

### FORGE PRIMARY.

Elery Darling, . . .	2
Venia Darling, . . .	2
Orra Darling, . . .	1
Eugene Connell, . . .	1
Joseph Connell, . . .	1
Frank Connell, . . .	1
Luella Prescott, . . .	1
Emma Snider, . . .	1
Helen Lord, . . .	1
Annie Leclerc, . . .	1

### NASHOBA.

Nellie Richardson, . .	1
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### MINOT'S CORNER.

Inez Burnham, . . .	1
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### WRIGHT.

Charles Blodgett, . . .	2
Fred Blodgett, . . .	2
Lillian Wright, . . .	2
Luella Wright, . . .	2
Carl Wright, . . .	1
Edwin Gould, . . .	1

## GRANITE. UPPER PRIMARY.

Willie Wall, . . .	3
Carrol Furbush, . . .	2
Frank Charlton, . . .	2
George Petherick, . . .	2
Arthur Callahan, . . .	2
May Grant, . . .	1
Jennie Ledwith, . . .	1
Maggie Ledwith, . . .	1
Russel Furbush, . . .	1
Freddie Leland, . . .	1

## GRANITE. LOWER PRIMARY.

John Grieg, . . .	2
Margaret Clark, . . .	1
Lizzie McCarthy, . . .	1
Arthur Charlton, . . .	1
Florence Sullivan, . . .	1
Willie Casey, . . .	1
Martha Crockett, . . .	1
Inez McLenna, . . .	1
Eva Hughes, . . .	1
Myron Carkin, . . .	1
Myrtle Case, . . .	1
Herman Libbey, . . .	1

## PARKERVILLE.

Amy Brown, . . .	3
Lillian Brown, . . .	2
Ethel Adams, . . .	1
May West, . . .	1
George Cann, . . .	1

## NABNASSET.

Nellie Felch, . . .	2
Eddie Felch, . . .	2
Herbert Ingalls, . . .	1
August Eliason, . . .	1
Charles Taylor, . . .	1
James Taylor, . . .	1
Anthony McAdam, . . .	1
Joey McAdam, . . .	1
Frank Mooney, . . .	1
Elmer Trull, . . .	1

## GRANITE. GRAMMAR.

Ellsworth York, . . .	3
Harold Libbey, . . .	2
Willie Charlton, . . .	1
Frank Loftus, . . .	1
Charlie Grant, . . .	1
Clarence Murphy, . . .	1
Katie Leland, . . .	1
Willie Petherick, . . .	1

## GRANITE. INTERMEDIATE.

Alice Sheahan, . . .	2
Austin Healy, . . .	2
James Healy, . . .	2
Eva Craven, . . .	2
Michael Ledwith, . . .	2
John Daley, . . .	1
Etta Sheahan, . . .	1
Helen Charlton, . . .	1
Cornelia Kierstead, . . .	1
John McCarthy, . . .	1
Ada Crockett, . . .	1

# LIST OF TEACHERS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	APPOINTED.	EDUCATED.	SALARY.
ACADEMY, { Principal .....	Wm. E. Frost. ....	1872	Bowdoin College, 1870 .....	{ Paid by Trustees of Academy. \$10 00
Centre Grammar { Assistant .....	Margaret A. O'Neill ..	1892	Hollis H. S., '88; Smith College	
Centre Primary .....	A. Mabelle Drew. ....	Sept., 1890	Bridgewater Normal, '90 .....	
Stony Brook .....	Fannie B. Prescott. ....	April, 1892	Westford Academy. ....	
	Lillian A. Downing .....	Mar., 1895	Ayer High School, '94 .....	
	{ Flora A. Whitcomb .....	April, 1890	Stow High School, '86 .....	
Forge Grammar .....	{ Julia M. Chamberlain .....	Sept., 1895	Westford Academy, '92 .....	
	{ Sadie L. Blaisdell .....	Dec., 1895	Boston University .....	
Forge Primary .....	Clara L. Hammond. ....	Sept., 1893	Acton High School, '90 .....	
Nashoba .....	Mary E. Pickard. ....	Mar., 1895	Littleton High School, '87 ....	
Parkerville. ....	{ Hattie K. McLeod. ....	Mar., 1895 }	Salem Normal, '94 ..	
	{ Julia M. Chamberlain .....	Dec., 1895 }	Westford Academy, '92 .....	
Minot's Corner .....	{ Lucy M. Harmon. ....	Jan., 1893	Cushing Academy, '95 .....	{
Nabasset .....	Lizzie A. Winship .....	Sept., 1895	Framingham Normal, '74 ..	
Long-Sought-For .....	Annie F. Dower .....	Sept., 1874	Hingham High School. ....	
Wright .....	Bertha A. Swain. ....	Sept., 1893	Bradford Academy. ....	
Granite Grammar .....	Issie A. Parker .....	Sept., 1894	Westford Academy, '81 .....	
Granite Intermediate .....	{ Annie E. Wilson .....	April, 1885	Westford Academy, '89 .....	
Granite Upper Primary .....	{ Julia M. Chamberlain .....	Sept., 1889	Westford Academy, '92 .....	
Granite Lower Primary .....	Mabel L. Baldwin. ....	Dec., 1895	Worcester Normal, '91 .....	
	Anne Carmichael .....	Sept., 1891	Westford Academy, '91 .....	
		Sept., 1891		

# SCHOOL STATISTICS. — 1895-6.

No.	SCHOOLS.	VISITS.			Dismissals.	Tardinesses per Pupil.	Tardinesses.	Half Days Absence.	Over Fifteen.	Between Eight and Fourteen.	Between Five and Fifteen.	Under Five.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Average Attendance.	Average Membership.	Enrollment.	Weeks of School.	Grades.
		Com.	Supt.	Others.														
1	Academy (Fall Term).....	1	1	0	9	7.7	338	222	29	15	15	0	96.0	42.0	43.7	44	13	8-11
2	Centre Grammar.....	5	15	136	64	3.7	84	519	1	25	0	0	93.8	22.7	24.2	26	35	4-7
3	Centre Primary.....	5	15	116	20	2.9	83	1,189	0	34	15	0	89.7	28.6	31.9	34	35	1-3
4	Stony Brook.....	6	11	40	25	4.4	133	962	1	31	19	1	91.8	30.2	32.9	34	35	1-7
5	Forge Grammar.....	2	16	20	41	2	253	632	0	28	28	0	92.7	22.5	24.3	28	35	4-7
6	Förge Primary.....	3	15	28	28	3.1	116	1,078	0	46	30	0	90.7	37.0	40.1	35	35	1-3
7	Nashoba.....	2	12	58	37	7.7	116	349	1	20	15	1	93.7	14.9	15.9	22	35	1-7
8	Parkerville.....	2	12	39	9	1.9	21	284	0	13	9	0	93.2	11.0	11.8	13	35	1-7
9	Minot's Corner.....	3	11	20	123	17.2	183	533	0	15	10	0	87.6	10.6	12.1	15	35	1-6
10	Nabasset.....	5	10	26	23	2.6	69	558	0	37	22	0	94.2	26.1	27.7	35	35	1-7
11	Long-Sought-For.....	2	11	8	34	2.1	18	94	2	10	7	2	96.5	8.5	8.8	13	35	1-7
12	Wright.....	2	10	63	43	3.2	53	259	0	27	14	0	95.8	16.1	16.8	37	35	1-5
13	Granite, Grammar.....	3	15	101	10	2.6	65	1,009	1	37	37	1	89.2	23.9	26.8	38	35	5-7
14	Granite, Intermediate.....	4	15	107	43	3.1	94	553	0	48	47	0	94.8	29.5	31.1	48	35	3-4
15	Granite, Upper Primary.....	3	14	51	12	2.6	61	494	0	26	11	0	94.0	22.0	23.4	26	35	2-3
16	Granite, Lower Primary.....	3	14	85	17	2.8	114	1,274	0	47	2	2	91.4	36.6	40.2	49	35	1-2
	Totals, 1895-6.....	51	197	898	538	5.2	1,801	10,009	35	454	306	7	92.8	383	412	496	540	
	Totals, 1894-5.....	65	209	804	498	4.1	1,292	10,020	16	432	266	7	91.8	313	341	466	522	

VALUATION  
OF THE  
REAL ESTATE and PERSONAL PROPERTY  
IN THE  
TOWN OF WESTFORD  
FOR  
THE YEAR 1895.

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LOWELL, MASS.:  
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS.  
1896.



The following is a full and true list of all Real Estate and Personal Property, of the several proprietors and owners thereof, in the Town of Westford, together with a full and fair cash value, according to our best knowledge and belief, as taken by us, the subscribers, Assessors of said town for the year 1895. 1

GEORGE H. HARTFORD,

W. H. H. BURBECK,

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,

*Assessors.*

# A COPY OF THE VALUATION

— OF THE —

## TOWN OF WESTFORD

For the Year 1895.

### SCHEDULE.

Abbot, John W.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$3,000; barn and carriage house, \$1,600; ice house, \$25; house and shed No. 2, \$9,000; tower, tank and windmill, \$500; home place, 9 acres, \$2,200; Day lot, 21 acres, \$650; Kneeland lot, 9 acres, \$450; home place No. 2, 2 acres, \$1,000.....		\$18,425 00
3 horses, \$225; 2 cows, \$90; yacht, \$3,500; 8 car- riages, \$720.....		4,535 00
Abbot, Abial J .....	1 poll	
Herrick house, \$1,200; Cummings lot, 5 1-2 acres, \$500; Herrick land, 1-2 acre, \$250.....		1,950 00
3 horses, \$550; 1 pony, \$40; 2 cows, \$90; 5 car- riages, \$700.....		1,380 00
Abbot, Alice M. Mrs—		
New house, \$10,000; 2 barns, \$2,500; ice house, \$125; Osgood house, \$900; home place, 8 3-4 acres, \$2,375.....		15,900 00
Abbot, John C.....	1 poll	
Atwood, Daniel.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$2,000; barn, \$600; home place, 1-2 acre, \$225; Bruce lot, 75 acres, \$775 .....		3,600 00
1 horse, \$100; 1 carriage, \$25.....		125 00

## Atwood, Caroline Mrs—

1 share Manchester & Lawrence R. R. Co., \$255...	255 00
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Allard, Joseph.....1 poll	
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House and shed, \$500; home place, 1-2 acre, \$50..	550 00
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Adams, Charles L.....1 poll	
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House and shed, \$300; barn and hen-house, \$150; home place, 20 acres, \$375; Gates lot, 6 acres, \$48 .....	873 00
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2 horses, \$85; 6 cows, \$180; 1 2-year-old, \$20; 1 yearling, \$15; 4 swine, \$21.....	321 00
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Adams, Howard T.....1 poll	
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2 horses, \$250.....	250 00
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## Adams &amp; Smith—

House and shed, \$100; barn, \$50; home place, 100 acres, \$850.....	1,000 00
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Anderson, H. A.....1 poll	
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Amission, Frederick.....1 poll	
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Alward, Mortimer A.....1 poll	
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Ackerman, Guy H.....1 poll	
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## Armenian Stock Co—

House and shed, \$1000; barn, shed and hen-houses, \$800; home place, 75 acres, \$1,700.....	3,500 00
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3 horses, \$200; 8 cows, \$240; 10 swine, \$98.....	538 00
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Anderson, John.....1 poll	
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Averson, Charles.....1 poll	
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Anderson, John, 2d.....1 poll	
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## Abbot &amp; Co., Graniteville—

House No. 1, \$550; Nos. 2 and 3, \$800; Nos. 4 and 5, \$500; No. 6, \$300; No. 7, \$275; No. 8, \$1,200; No. 9, \$1,500; Nos. 10 and 11, \$1,000; Nos. 12 and 13, \$1,100; No. 14, \$450; Nos. 15 and 16, \$1,300; No. 17, \$300; Nos. 18 and 19, \$1,700; 4 tenement block, \$2,500; west exten- sion to mill, \$1,000; north extension, \$2,000; store house No. 1, \$100; No. 2, \$1,300; No. 3, \$500; No. 4, \$400; wash house, \$4,000; top house, \$100; waste house, \$75; 1-2 gas house, \$90; wool shed, \$100; coal shed, \$50; blacksmith shop, \$50; stable, \$720; 1-2 office building, \$360; horse shed, \$50; house lot No. 1, 1-2 acre. \$50; Nos. 2 and 3, 1-2 acre, \$175; boarding house	
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lot, No. 8, 3-4 acre, \$200; Craven land, 1 acre, \$250; house lot, 1-4 acre, \$75; house lot, 1-4 acre, \$75; house lot, 1-4 acre, \$75; house lot, 1-4 acre, \$75; 1-2 acre, \$125; Raymond lot, 4 acres, \$725 .....	26,195 00
Stock, \$10,000; engine and boiler, \$3,000; machinery, \$30,250; 2 horses, \$210 .....	43,460 00

Abbot & Co., Forge Village—

Long Block, Nos. 1 to 10, \$2,800; cottage house No. 11, \$550; No. 12, \$550; No. 13, \$550; No. 14, \$550; No. 15, \$550; Nos. 16 and 17, \$1,200; double house, Nos. 18 to 21, \$1,600; boarding house, No. 22, \$1,500; double house, Nos. 23 and 24, \$1,100; Nos. 25 and 26, \$1,100; Nos. 27 and 28, \$1,100; Nos. 29 and 30, \$1,100; Nos. 31 and 32, \$1,100; new cottage house, No. 33, \$550; Nos. 34 and 37, \$800; Wright house, No. 38, \$800; Wright barn, \$100; cottage house, No. 39, \$1,000; Stanchfield house, Nos. 40 and 41, \$800; cottage house, No. 42, \$1,000; old mill, \$5,500; brick mill, \$20,000; wash room, \$2,000; office building, \$450; store-house No. 2, \$500; store-house No. 3, and elevator, \$1,500; basement to club house, \$1,000; new stable, \$700; land and water power, \$6,500; Edward Prescott lot, 13 acres, \$265; Stanchfield lot, 4 acres, \$350; Wright lot, 2 1-2 acres, \$175; Cutter premises, 18 acres, \$360; store lot, 1-8 acre, \$100 .....	59,800 00
Stock, \$10,000; engine and boiler, \$5,500; machinery, \$32,465; 1 horse, \$50 .....	48,015 00

Balch, Wayland F. ....	1 poll
House and shed, \$900; barn, shed and shop, \$450; home place, 35 acres, \$1,050 .....	2,400 00
2 horses, \$100; 5 cows, \$150; 1 carriage, \$25 ....	275 00

Banister, Joseph .....	1 poll
House and shed, \$650; barn, \$75; home place, 1 acre, \$100 .....	825 00
1 horse, \$10; 1 carriage, \$12 .....	22 00

Banister, Francis W.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$700; barn and hen houses, \$400; home place, 32 acres, \$960; Wright field, 28 acres, \$200.....		2,260 00
2 horses, \$100; 4 cows, \$120; 1 carriage, \$15....		235 00
Berry, James.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$60; 1 carriage, \$40; 20 fowls, \$8.....		108 00
Bean, True A.....	exempt poll	
Bean, Mary A. Mrs—		
House and shed, \$500; barn, \$140; home place, 1-2 acre, \$90.....		730 00
Bemis, Henry S.....	1 poll	
Bennett, George L.....	1 poll	
Bennett, Joseph.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$500; barn, \$75; home place, 1 1-4 acres, \$100.....		675 00
1 horse, \$20.....		20 00
Bicknell, Loammi C.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$250; barn, \$200; home place, 40 acres, \$400.....		850 00
1 horse, \$20; 1 carriage, \$20.....		40 00
Bicknell, Charles H.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$200; barn and shed, \$150; home place, 18 acres, \$360.....		710 00
1 horse, \$75; 4 cows, \$120; 1 two-year-old, \$20..		215 00
Bicknell, Ai.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$300; barn and hen-house, \$50; home place, 1-4 acre, \$50.....		400 00
1 horse, \$75.....		75 00
Blaisdell, Alvin J.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800; barns and silo, \$650; hen- house, \$25; home place, 155 acres, \$2,100; Wy- lie lot, 5 acres, \$100.....		3,675 00
2 horses, \$50; 16 cows, \$480; 2 yearlings, \$30....		560 00
Blood, Napoleon B.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$650; barns and shed, \$750; home place, 42 acres, \$1,050; Patten plain, 20 acres, \$200; Plain lot, 50 acres, \$300.....		2,950 00
2 horses, \$150; 11 cows, \$330; bicycle, \$20.....		500 00
Blaisdell, Maria Mrs—		
Wood land on Rail Cut hill, 30 acres, \$300.....		300 00



Blodgett, Wilford G. ....1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$50.....	50 00
Blodgett, George W. ....1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,400; barn, \$400; home place, 16 acres, \$800.....	2,600 00
Blodgett, Josiah W. ....1 poll	
House and shed, \$400; home place, 70 acres, \$1,400.....	1,800 00
1 horse, \$40; 1 cow, \$30 .....	70 00
Blodgett, Harry .....	1 poll
Blodgett, Arthur T.....	1 poll
Boynton, James M. ....1 poll	
House and shed, \$550; barn, \$200; home place, 36 acres, \$850; Kneeland lot, 12 acres, \$240.....	1,840 00
2 horses, \$100; 1 cow, \$30; 3 2-year-olds, \$60; 4 swine, \$21.....	211 00
Boynton, James M. Jr. ....1 poll	
Boynton, Delia Mrs—	
House and shed, \$600; barn and hen house, \$600; home place, 38 acres, \$1,330; Fletcher land, 3 acres, \$150.....	2,680 00
2 horses, \$150; 10 cows, \$300; 1 carriage, \$25...	475 00
Boynton, Edson G. ....1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$25.....	25 00
Brown, Abraham, heirs of—	
School house, \$25; home place and Plain lot, 16 acres, \$200.....	225 00
Brow, J. Lawrence.....	1 poll
House and shed, \$350; home place, 1 1-2 acres, \$100.....	450 00
Brow, Byron H. ....1 poll	
2 carriages.....	100 00
House and shed, \$700; barn, \$650; hen-house, \$40; home place, 62 acres, \$1,275.....	2,665 00
Stock in trade, \$125; 4 horses, \$300; 11 cows, \$330; 1 two-year-old, \$20; 1 yearling, \$15; 1 bull, \$20; 7 swine, \$70.....	980 00
Butler, John .....	exempt poll

Burbeck, John.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800 ; barn, \$600 ; old barn, \$300 ;		
carriage house, \$75 ; home place, 64 acres, \$1,680 ;		
Burbeck place, 90 acres, \$1,770 ; Parker lot, 54		
acres, \$1,100.....		6,325 00
2 horses, \$75 ; 14 cows, \$350 ; 1 yearling, \$15 ; 1		
bicycle, \$50.....		490 00
Burbeck, Eli T.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$50.....		50 00
Burbeck, W. H. H.....	1 poll	
Money at interest, \$200 ; 1 horse, \$50.....		250 00
Butterworth, K. E. Mrs—		
House and shed, \$150 ; barn, \$300 ; home place,		
16 acres, \$320.....		776 00
Butterworth, William L.....	1 poll	
2 horses, \$100 ; 4 cows, \$120 ; 1 carriage, \$40....		260 00
Butterworth, John J.....	1 poll	
Burke, Dennis.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$200 ; barn, \$25 ; home place, 50		
acres, \$600.....		825 00
1 horse, \$60 ; 2 cows, \$60 ; 1 yearling, \$15 ; 2		
swine, \$14.....		149 00
Burke, George H.....	1 poll	
1 colt, \$35.....		35 00
Bussey, George W.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$475 ; barn, \$400 ; home place, 40		
acres, \$800.....		1,675 00
1 horse, \$75 ; 65 fowls, \$26 .....		101 00
Butterfield, Lucien O.....	1 poll	
Bunce, Augustus.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,000 ; barn, \$650 ; 2 hen houses,		
\$50 ; home place, 64 acres, \$1,200 ; wood land,		
69 acres, \$800 .....		3,700 00
2 horses, \$75 ; 1 cow, \$30 ; 1 yearling, \$15 ; 90		
fowls, \$36 ; 1 carriage, \$20.....		176 00
Bunce, Henry A .....	1 poll	
Brophy, Thomas.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$100.....		100 00
Brown, John H .....	1 poll	
Nelson Prescott lot, 2 acres, \$50.....		50 00

Bridgford, Harry—

House and barn, \$100; home place, 3 acres, \$50 .. 150 00

Bridgford, Ralph.....1 poll

Burnett, William .....1 poll

Nelson Prescott lot, 33 acres, \$500..... 500 00

Bickford, Thomas.....1 poll

Bickford, Augustus A .....1 poll

1 carriage, \$30; 1 bicycle, \$30..... 60 00

Brigham, Mary E. Mrs—

House and shed, \$700; barn, carriage and hen-

house, \$1,300; home place, 1 acre, \$250; Island

Field lot. 22 acres. \$440; Peckens lot, 7 acres,

\$175 ..... 2,865 00

4 horses, \$350; 11 cows, \$330; 4 swine, \$49; 100

fowls, \$40; 5 carriages, \$400..... 1,169 00

Bolan, Belle—

House and shed, \$250; home place, 1-2 acre, \$75.. 325 00

Balch, Samuel H.....1 poll

1 horse, \$75..... 75 00

Barton, Edmund .....1 poll

House and shed, \$550; barn and hen-houses, \$300;

home place, 1 1-2 acres, \$125..... 975 00

1 horse, \$25; fowls, \$30..... 55 00

Bennett, Alvin S.....1 poll

Burke. Thomas .....1 poll

Bean, Minot A.....1 poll

1 horse, \$50..... 50 00

Barnard, Josephine Mrs—

30 shares Boston, Chicago & New York Refrigerator

Car Co., \$2,250..... 2,250 00

Brown, George.....1 poll

Blaisdell, Irvin A.....1 poll

1 horse, \$25..... 25 00

Burns, James.....1 poll

Balser, Arthur W.....1 poll

1 horse, \$15..... 15 00

## Butterfield, R J &amp; Mrs—

House and shed, \$1,200 ; barn and corn barn, \$700 ; home place. 72 acres, \$1,800 ; Chandler field and swamp lot. 35 acres, \$200 ; Shipley swamp lot. 31 acres, \$350 ; Oak Hill wood lot, 25 acres, \$300 ; pasture near Warren Hunt's, 10 acres, \$300.....	4,850 00
Boufford, Ralph.....1 poll	
1 horse, \$20 ; 1 cow, \$10 ; 1 carriage, \$15.....	45 00
Brow, Wesley G.....1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$50 .....	50 00
Burnor, Sheldo.....1 poll	
Bennett, William A.....1 poll	
Brewster, Thomas.....1 poll	
Butler, Thomas.....1 poll	
Burke, John.....1 poll	
Berry, Ernest.....1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$45 .....	45 00
Bucco, Israel.....1 poll	
Bucco, Dreon.....1 poll	
Blodgett, Fred.....1 poll	
Benson, Charles.....1 poll	
Brown, John.....1 poll	
Banet, Elephant.....1 poll	
Boucher, Joseph.....1 poll	
Boucher, Flavin.....1 poll	
Burnham, Arthur H.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,000 ; barn, shed and carriage house, \$700 ; home place, 76 acres, \$1,600 ; Cookson lot, 30 acres, \$200 .....	3,500 00
1 horse, \$60 ; 6 cows, \$180 .....	240 00
Boulanger, Joseph O.....1 poll	
1 horse, \$20 ; 7 cows, \$210 ; 1 carriage, \$20.....	250 00
Boyle, John.....1 poll	
Casey, Daniel W.....1 poll	
Carkin, I W.....1 poll	
Snake meadow lot. 5 acres, \$75.....	75 00
1 horse. \$65 ; 1 carriage, \$20.....	85 00
Carkin & Reed—	
Boynton lot, 60 acres, \$1,000 .....	1,000 00
Carkin, Augustine W.....1 poll	

Carkin, George F.....	1 poll	
Double cottage house, \$1,300; stable and sheds, \$650; home place, 1-4 acre, \$150; Herrick lot, 50 acres, \$250.....		2,350 00
Stock in trade, \$50; machinery, \$50; 10 horses, \$600; 4 carriages, \$175.....		875 00
Carkin, Edwin F.....	1 poll	
Carkin, Charles H.....	1 poll	
Caldwell, Solomon O.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$75; barn, \$50; home place, 40 acres, \$600; 1-2 Whiting lot, 7 acres, \$50.....		775 00
2 horses, \$50; 2 cows, \$60.....		110 00
Caldwell, Frances Mrs—		
House and shed, \$400; barn, \$150; home place, 40 acres, \$600, exempt \$500.....		650 00
Carter, Phœbe Mrs—		
House and shed, \$850; home place, 1-8 acre, \$80; exempt, \$500.....		430 00
Carroll, Mary Miss—		
House and shed, \$800; barn and hen-house, \$150; home place, 4 acres, \$300.....		1,250 00
Callahan, John.....	exempt poll	
House and shed, \$650; home place, 1 1-2 acres, \$175 .....		825 00
Callahan, John F .....	1 poll	
Carmichael, John B .....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$50 .....		50 00
Carmichael, John .....	exempt poll	
House and shed, \$850; home place, 1-8 acre, \$75..		925 00
Carmichael, John Jr.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$45.....		45 00
Coburn, Mary Mrs—		
House and shed, \$800; home place, 1-8 acre, \$50; exempt, \$500.....		350 00
Cameron, Allan.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$5,500; barn and carriage house, \$1,000; cattle barn and ice house, \$300; Proctor house and shed, \$1,200; Proctor barn, \$300; tower, tank and windmill, \$225; new house, \$3,500; home place, 2 acres, \$800; Abbot lot,		



23 acres, \$575 ; Bailey lot, 6 acres, \$600 ; Wilkins lot, 1 1-2 acres, \$300 ; Plain lot, 20 acres, \$200 ; Patten lot, 31 acres, \$930 ; Wylie lot, 28 1-2 acres, \$550 ; Proctor home place, 5 acres, \$1,100 .....	17,080 00
5 horses, \$450 ; 4 cows, \$140 ; 1 yearling, \$20 ; 1 bicycle, \$25 ; 5 carriages, \$375 .....	1,010 00
Cameron, Julian A. ....1 poll	
House and shed, \$3,500 ; home place, 1 3-4 acres, \$525 .....	4,025 00
Cameron, Donald ....1 poll	
Cameron, Allan Jr ....1 poll	
Cann, Charles W. ....1 poll	
3 cows, \$90 ; 2 swine, \$14 .....	104 00
Calvert, Frank. ....1 poll	
Calvert, Mary E Mrs—	
House and shed, \$3,500 ; home place, 1 acre, \$300.	3,800 00
Caunter, John W. ....1 poll	
House and shed, \$900 ; barn, \$400 ; home place, 7 acres, \$420 .....	1,720 00
1 horse, \$20 .....	20 00
Caunter, Frank R. ....1 poll	
Caunter, Benjamin ....1 poll	
Carr, Michael. ....1 poll	
1 horse, \$10 .....	10 00
Carr, Bridget Mrs—	
House and shed, \$100 ; home place, 35 acres, \$350.	450 00
Carrick, William. ....1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,150 ; home place, 1-8 acre, \$60	1,210 00
Carrick, Thomas. ....1 poll	
Catchpole, Henry ....1 poll	
Chamberlin, Henry ....1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,500 ; barn, \$200 ; home place, 1 acre, \$200 ; Island Field lot, 18 acres, \$500...	2,400 00
1 horse, \$35 .....	35 00
Chamberlin, Charles A. ....1 poll	
Childs, Phœbe Mrs—	
House and shed, \$900 ; home place, 1-8 acre, \$100	1,000 00
Choate, Aibert R. ....1 poll	

Collins, Phineas G.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$525 ; barn, \$200 ; home place, 17 acres, \$425 ; Temple lot, 15 acres, \$125.....		1,275 00
1 horse, \$25 ; 4 cows, \$120.....		145 00
Collins, Albert E.....	1 poll	
Comey, Arthur H.....	1 poll	
Stock in trade, \$200 ; 1 horse, \$40.....		240 00
Coburn, John F.....	1 poll	
Congle, George H.....	1 poll	
Colburn, Jonathan T.....	1 poll	
Prescott pasture, 35 acres, \$500 ; Peters lot, 6 acres, \$275.....		775 00
2 horses, \$125 ; 8 cows, \$240 ; 6 2-year-olds, \$90 ; 1 bull, \$15 ; 85 fowls, \$34 ; 2 bicycles, \$50.....		554 00
Craven, Edward.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$15.....		15 00
Couture, Charles.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$160 ; barn, \$130 ; home place, 20 acres, \$200.....		490 00
1 horse, \$25 ; 1 cow, \$30.....		55 00
Couture, Joseph.....	1 poll	
Conley, John Mrs—		
House and shed, \$475 ; barn, \$50 ; home place, 4 acres, \$300 ; exempt, \$500.....		325 00
Connell, John H.....	1 poll	
1 cow, \$30 ; 15 fowls, \$6.....		36 00
Cooledge, Oren.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$900 ; barn, \$900 ; home place, 100 acres, \$1,600.....		3,400 00
2 oxen, \$100 ; 5 cows, \$150.....		250 00
Cooledge, Edward C.....	1 poll	
Colyer, James.....	exempt poll	
Clement, Peter.....	1 poll	
Cutter, Charles H.....	1 poll	
Cutter, Asaph B, Heirs of—		
House and shed, \$750 ; barn, \$700 ; home place, 93 acres, \$2,300.....		3,750 00
2 horses, \$100 ; 6 cows, \$180 ; 1 carriage, \$20....		300 00
Cummings, Hezekiah.....	1 poll	
Wright lot, 3 acres, \$60 ; Dug Hill lot, 1 acre, \$20		80 00

Cummings, Charles M .....	1 poll	
Shop, \$30 ; Wright lot, 5 1-2 acres, \$500.....		530 00
1 horse, \$100 ; stone tools, \$200.....		300 00
Cummings, Walter H.....	1 poll	
Cummings, Walter H Mrs, Heirs of—		
House and shed, \$350 ; barn, \$50 ; home place, 2 1-2 acres, \$200 .....		600 00
Cummings, Edward M.....	1 poll	
Cummings, Alvin L .....	1 poll	
House, \$100.....		100 00
Cummings, Sarah P Mrs—		
House and shed, \$800 ; barn, \$150 ; home place, 1-4 acre, \$180 ; Flushing pond lot, 6 acres, \$75 ; Le- land lot, 4 acres, \$40.....		1,245 00
Curren, William.....	1 poll	
Curren, William Mrs—		
House and shed No. 1, \$850 ; house No. 2, \$150 ; hen-house and barn, \$200 ; home place, 1 acre, \$70.....		1,270 00
1 horse, \$35.....		35 00
Curren, William H.....	1 poll	
Crockett, Henry C.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$25 .....		25 00
Case, Elisha E.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$10.....		10 00
Cheever, Jacob K.....	1 poll	
Cheever, Jacob H .....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$200 ; barn and shed, \$150 ; home place, 70 acres, \$600 .....		950 00
1 horse, \$20 ; 1 cow, \$30 .....		50 00
Charlton, Arthur J .....	1 poll	
Champagne, Louis.....	1 poll	
Carver, William R.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$40 .....		40 00
Courtney, Alexander .....	1 poll	
Stock in trade, \$50 ; 1 horse, \$50 .....		100 00
Champlain, John W .....	1 poll	
Carney, Thomas .....	exempt poll	

## Crossland, Marv Mrs—

House and shed, \$500; barn, \$150; home place, 18 acres, \$360; Blaisdeil pasture, 8 acres, \$100.... 1,110 00

1 cow, \$30; 2 2-year olds, \$40 ..... 70 00

Crossland, Samuel ..... 1 poll

Choate, Peter M. .... 1 poll

## Choate &amp; Moulton—

House and shed, \$550; barn and hen house, \$50; home place, 15 acres, \$250 ..... 850 00

1 horse, \$60; 1 swine, \$14; 1 carriage, \$20 ..... 94 00

Chandler, Harry A. .... 1 poll

1 horse, \$75 ..... 75 00

Canton, Calvin ..... 1 poll

Charneske, John ..... 1 poll

Cotey, John ..... 1 poll

Canton, Philip ..... 1 poll

Carkin, Warren E. .... 1 poll

## Carkin, Nellie S—

1 horse, \$65; 1 carriage, \$25 ..... 90 00

Carkin, William O. .... 1 poll

Carkin, James R. .... 1 poll

1 swine, \$10 ..... 10 00

Day, George T : ..... 1 poll

House and shed, \$1,900; barn and sheds, \$1,000; house No. 2, \$2,000; slaughter house, \$150; hen-houses, \$40; barn No. 2, \$200; cider mill and store house, \$900; home place, 52 acres, \$4,300; Plain lot, 10 acres, \$200; Patten Hill pasture, 26 acres, \$500; Patten plain, 20 acres, \$175; mill lot, 1 acre, \$100 ..... 11,465 00

Engine and machinery, \$150; 3 horses, \$100; 10 cows, \$300; 3 carriages, \$90 ..... 640 00

Day, Isaac E. .... 1 poll

## Day, I E and G T—

Plain wood lot, 24 acres, \$350; Nutting wood lot, 5 acres, \$225; Cove lot, 16 acres, \$200 ..... 775 00

## Day, Amos, Heirs of—

House and shed, \$225; barn, shed and silo, \$650; Peckens barn and six hen-houses, \$200; home place, 30 acres, \$800; Daylen, Wright & Heywood lot, 32 acres, \$350 ..... 2,225 00

Day, John W.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,000; barn, \$650; carriage and hen houses, \$200; sheep house, \$50; home place, 87 acres, \$1,600 .....		3,500 00
1 horse, \$40; 1 carriage, \$25; 1 bicycle, \$60.....		125 00
Day, J W & Q W—		
2 horses, \$125; 7 cows, \$210; 24 sheep, \$96; 35 fowls, \$14.....		445 00
Day, Quincy W.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$40 .....		40 00
Day, Benjamin F .....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800; barn, \$400; home place, 75 acres, \$1,400.....		2,600 00
3 horses, \$275.....		275 00
Dane, Lewis C.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$200; barn and carriage house, \$100; home place, 1 acre, \$30; meadow lot, 3 acres, \$50.....		380 00
1 horse, \$20; 1 carriage, \$20.....		40 00
Dane, Hiram .....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$500; barn, \$300; blacksmith shop and ice house, \$25; home place, 33 acres, \$400; Plain lot, 8 acres, \$100; Hill lot, 8 acres, \$110; Brooks lot, 12 acres, \$85.....		1,520 00
1 horse, \$25; 4 cows, \$120; 1 2-year-old, \$20; 1 bull, \$15; 1 carriage, \$20.....		200 00
Dane, Frederick I .....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$15 .....		15 00
Davis, Alfred S.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$700; barn and hen house, \$400; home place, 6 1-4 acres, \$320; pasture on Reed road, 3 acres, \$100.....		1,520 00
1 horse, \$15; 20 fowls, \$8 .....		23 00
Daily, Mary Mrs—		
House and shed, \$550; home place, 1-8 acre, \$40; exempt, \$500.....		90 00
Davis, Caroline, Heirs of—		
Wood and pasture land, 16 2-3 acres, \$585; house lot, 1-3 acre, \$100.....		685 00



Davis, William.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$350 ; barn, carriage and hen-house, \$175 ; home place, 14 acres, \$325.....		850 00
1 cow, \$30 ; 2 yearlings, \$30 .....		60 00
Daley, Hugh.....	1 poll	
House lot in Graniteville, 1-4 acre, \$50.....		50 00
Daley, John.....	exempt poll	
House and shed, \$400 ; barn, \$50 ; home place, 2 acres, \$350.....		800 00
Desmond, Fannie Mrs—		
House and shed, \$550 ; barn, corn barn and shed, \$300 ; home place, 40 acres, \$1,400 ; Robbins lot, 50 acres, \$800.....		3,050 00
5 horses, \$375 ; 15 cows, \$450.....		825 00
Desmond, Jeremiah.....	1 poll	
Desmond, David.....	1 poll	
Dearborn, Asa.....	1 poll	
Decatur, John H—		
House and shed, \$500 ; barn and hen-houses, \$325 ; house No. 2, \$350 ; home place, 18 acres, \$500.. 2 horses, \$75 ; 3 cows, \$60 ; 1 swine, \$14 ; 1 car- riage, \$30.....		1,675 00 179 00
Decatur, Calvin A.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$350 ; barn, \$200 ; home place, 1-2 acre, \$50.....		600 00
Decatur, C R P.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$650 ; barn and corn barn, \$300 ; home place, 50 acres, \$815 .....		1,765 00
2 horses, \$75 ; 5 cows, \$150 ; 2 swine, \$14.....		239 00
Decatur, Joshua C .....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$50 ; 1 carriage, \$50.....		100 00
DeRoehn, Eugene.....	1 poll	
DeRoehn, Andrew.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$25.....		25 00
DeRoehn, George.....	1 poll	
Downs, Frank L.....	1 poll	

Downs, Matthew F.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800; barn and shed, \$300; home place, 23 acres, \$475; Flushing Pond lot, 13 acres, \$260; Blodgett lot, 12 acres, \$180; Butterfield lot, 25 acres, \$300; Ledge lot, 69 acres, \$800 .....		3,115 00
2 horses, \$75; 1 cow, \$30; 2 oxen, \$120; stone tools, \$125.....		350 00
Drew, Ernest.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800; barn and hen house, \$350; home place, 32 acres, \$640.....		1,790 00
1 horse, \$35; 75 fowls, \$30 .....		65 00
Drew, Thomas.....	1 poll	
Drew, George.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,000; barn and hen house, \$500; home place, 62 acres, \$1,240.....		2,740 00
Stock in trade, \$80; 1 horse, \$100; 4 cows, \$120; 2 yearlings, \$30; 1 carriage, \$20.....		350 00
Drew, Greenleaf Mrs—		
House and shed, \$1,200; barn, \$300; home place, 5 acres, \$800; Providence meadow, 15 acres, \$250 .....		2,550 00
Drew, Frank C.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800; barn, \$600; home place, 90 acres, \$1,600; part of old place, 2 acres, \$500...		3,500 00
2 horses, \$75; 9 cows, \$270; 1 carriage, \$20.....		365 00
Drake, Harriet Mrs—		
House and shed, \$1,400; barn, \$100; home place, 1 acre, \$100.....		1,600 00
1 horse, \$25.....		25 00
Driscoll, Timothy .....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$600; barn, \$25; home place, 1 acre, \$200; Blodgett lot, No. 4, 1-3 acre, \$40...		865 00
Driscoll, Timothy Jr.....	1 poll	
Driscoll, Michael.....	1 poll	
Duren, Joseph Mrs—		
House and shed, \$250; barn, \$50; home place, 6 acres, \$100.....	exempt	

Dunn, Thomas.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$700; barn, \$200; home place, 1-4 acre, \$50; Keyes lot, 6 acres, \$240.....		1,190 00
1 cow, \$30 .....		30 00
Dunn, George J.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$75.....		75 00
Demaris, George.....	1 poll	
Barn, \$75.....		75 00
Defoe, Edward D.....	1 poll	
House, \$600; home place. 1-2 acre, \$150.....		750 00
Defoe, Edward D Jr.....	1 poll	
Dugdale, Richard .....	1 poll	
Decatur, William H.....	1 poll	
3 horses, \$30; 1 cow, \$30.....		60 00
Dion, Alexander.....	1 poll	
Dion, Joseph.....	1 poll	
Desjardins, Oliver.....	1 poll	
Desjardins, Maria Mrs—		
House and shed, \$700; barn, \$200; home place, 35 acres, \$700.....		1,600 00
1 horse, \$50; 1 cow, \$30; 2 yearlings, \$30; 1 car- riage, \$15.....		125 00
Eaton, John.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$900; barn, \$100; home place, 3-4 acre. \$175.....		1,175 00
Edwards, Mary E Mrs—		
House and shed, \$625; barn, silo and hen house, \$475; home place, 16 acres, \$320; Harwood lot, 10 acres, \$200.....		1,620 00
1 horse, \$25; 10 fowls, \$4 .....		29 00
Edwards, William C.....	1 poll	
Shed and shop, \$150; Jubb wood lot, 1 acre, \$30; Read & Spaulding lot, 23 acres, \$375; Osgood plain lot, 30 acres, \$200; Wheeler lot, 6 acres, \$60....		815 00
5 horses, \$500; 1 carriage, \$50.....		550 00
Edwards, Louisa, Miss—		
House and shed \$1000; house No. 2, \$450; office building, \$100; home place, 3-4 acre, \$90 .....		1,640 00
Edwards, Franklin.....	1 poll	
Edwards, Frederick W.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$50.....		50 00

## Evans, Minot, H. A—

House No. 1, \$1500 ; barn, carriage and hen house, \$250 ; house No. 2, \$550 ; home place, 1 1-2 acre \$375 ; house lot No. 2, 1-4 acre, \$50 ; Blodgett lot, 3 acres, \$150 ; Dug Hill lot, 34 acres, \$500..	3,375 00
Eastman, Charles H.....	1 poll
Eastman, Asa B. M.....	1 poll
House and shed, \$600 ; barn and hen house, \$240 ; . home, place, 18 acres, \$700 .....	1,540 00
1 horse, \$50 ; 2 cows, \$60 ; 75 fowls, \$30 ; 1 carriage, \$20.....	160 00
Eaton, Samuel N.....	1 poll
Eaton, Charles A.....	1 poll
Eaton, Charles.....	1 poll
Eaton, Fred A.....	1 poll
Edwards, William E.....	1 poll
1 bicycle, \$15.....	15 00
Edwards, John.....	1 poll
Eliason, John.....	1 poll
House and shed, \$550 ; barn and hen houses, \$100 ; ome place, 3 1-2 acres, \$120 .....	770 00
1 horse, \$20.....	20 00
Eckland, Charles.....	1 poll
Eckland, August.....	1 poll
Elliott, George.....	1 poll
Eno, Joseph.....	1 poll
Farrar, George M.....	1 poll
House and shed, \$250 ; home place, 1 1-2 acres, \$100.	350 00
Feeney, John.....	1 poll
House and shed, \$800 ; barn, \$50 ; Hildreth house, \$1500 ; barn, \$300 ; home place, 1 1-2 acres, \$375 ; Hildreth land, 1-2 acre, \$200.....	3225 00
Stock in trade, \$200 ; 1 horse, \$100 ; 2 carriages, \$50.	350 00
Felch, John P.....	1 poll
House and shed, \$700 ; barn and hen houses, \$440 ; cider mill, \$100 ; beach house, \$40 ; home place, 155 acres, \$2500 .....	3780 00
3 horses, \$180 ; 2 cows, \$60 ; 5 two-year-olds, \$75 ; 7 swine, \$74 ; 18 fowls, \$7.....	396 00
Felch, John K.....	1 poll

Felch, Charles D.....	1 poll	
Felch, Samuel L.....	1 poll	
Felch, Alfred W.....	1 poll	
Fisher, Alvin.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1200; barns, slaughter house, shed and hen houses,\$800; house and shed No. 2, \$150; barn, \$200; home place, 2 1-2 acres, \$700; Fletcher lot, 6 1-4 acres, \$800; Fisk pasture, 33 acres, \$350; Cummings lot, 20 acres, \$500; Hil- dredth lot, 15 acres, \$450; Cummings lot, eight acres, \$400; Cummings lot No. 2, 7 acres, \$100; Cummings lot No. 3, 4 acres, \$400; Byam lot, 1-2 acre, \$30; Reed lot, 14 acres, \$280; Davis lot, 6 acres, \$120; Banester place, 76 acres, \$450....	6,930 00	
3 horses, \$200; 4 cows, \$75; 14 swine, \$56; 50 fowls, \$20; 1 carriage, \$40.....		391 00
Fisher, Alec.....	1 poll	
Fisher, John.....	1 poll	
Fisher, Thomas F.....	1 poll	
Fisher, Edward.....	1 poll	
Fisher and Reed--		
4 house lots in Graniteville, 5 acres, \$175.....		175 00
Fifield, George H.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$400; hen house, \$20; home place, 1 1-2 acre, \$100.....		520 00
1 horse, \$30,.....		30 00
Flynn, John.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$600; barn, \$150; carriage and hen house, \$75; home place, 16 acres, \$250....	1075 00	
1 horse, \$50; 3 cows, \$90; 10 fowls, \$4.....		144 00
Follansbee, Charles H.....	1 poll	
Flint, Augustus.....	1 poll	
Shops, \$25; home place, 25 acres, \$500.....		525 00
Flagg, Elbert H.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$900; barn and sheds, \$1100; home place 190, acres, \$3500.....		5500
4 horses, \$200; 16 cows, \$480; 12 two-year-olds, \$240; 1 bull, \$20;.....		940 00
Flanders, Charles R. heirs of—		
House and shed, \$100; barn, \$150; home place, 25 acres, \$225; exempt.....		



Flanders, Charles A.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$50 .....		50 00
Fletcher, Benjamin M.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$300; barn, corn barn and silo, \$450; home place, 44 acres, \$700; sweetser meadow, 10 acres, \$120 .....		1,570 00
2 horses, \$150; 8 cows, \$240; two, two-year-olds, \$40 .....		430 00
Fletcher, George M.....	1 poll	
Fletcher, B. M. and G. M.....		
Vose meadow, 12 acres, \$300 .....		300 00
Fletcher, Abel, Mrs. heirs of—		
House and shed, \$800; barn and sheds, \$500; home place, 54 acres, \$1200; Snake Meadow lot, 17 acres, \$300 .....		2,800 00
Fletcher, Joel A.....	1 poll	
Chandler lot, 8 acres, \$100 .....		100 00
Fletcher, Abel B.....	1 poll	
Fletcher, H. E. and H. A.....	2 polls	
House and shed, \$1000; barn, \$400; 1-2 old house, \$100; blacksmith shop, \$25; sheds and hen house, \$100; home place and ledge, 183 acres, \$4000; Flushing Pond lot, 16 acres, \$250; 1-2 Whiting lot, 7 acres, \$50 .....		5,925 00
Engine and machinery, \$2250; 1 locomotive, \$800; stone tools, \$1000; 2 horses, \$100; 1 cow, \$30; 1 yearling, \$15; 1 carriage, \$75; 1 bicycle, \$25; rails and ties, \$2,000 .....		6,295 00
Fletcher, H. E. H. A. and J. A.—		
Saw Mill meadow, 2 acres, \$25 .....		25 00
Fletcher, Andrew, and sister, heirs of---		
1-2 old house, \$100; home place, 21 acres, \$200 ....		300 00
Fletcher, Sherman H.....	1 poll	
Carriage house, \$50; house at Parkerville, \$80; home land, 1-8 acre, \$20 .....		150 00
1 horse, \$100; 1 carriage, \$50; 1 bicycle, \$40 .....		190 00
Fletcher, J. Williard.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$75; 1 carriage, \$25 .....		100 00

## Fletcher, Sherman D. Mrs.—

House and shed, \$2200; barn and shed, \$1200; store and tenement, \$1100; home place, 14 acres, \$1600; Store House lot, 1-2 acre, \$250; Leighton lot, 2 acres, \$600; Providence lot, 25 acres, \$150; Nichols wood lot, 17 acres, \$500.....	7,600 00
1 horse, \$40; 1 carriage, [\$40.....	80 00

## Fletcher, John B. Mrs.—

House and shed, \$1800; home place, 1-8 acre, \$100; dower in Hildreth lot, \$60.....	1,960 00
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## Fletcher, John M.....1 poll

Store and tenement, \$1200; barn and hen house, \$600; home place, 11-8 acres, \$400; Burns lot, 18 acres, \$180; part of Hildreth lot, 5 acres, \$120...	2500 00
Stock in trade, \$600; 7 shares Northern R. R., \$1113; 1 share Concord and Montreal R. R. \$150 1 horse, \$100; 2 carriages, \$75.....	2038 00

## Fletcher, Timothy, heirs of—

House and shed, \$550; barn, \$150; home place, 1 3-4 acre, \$300; exempt, \$500.....	500 00
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## Fletcher, Francis L.....1 poll

House and shed, \$1550; barn, \$300; home place, 1-2 acre, \$350.....	2,200 00
Stock in trade, \$500.....	500 00

## Fletcher, Charles H.....1 poll

House and shed, \$2000; barn, sheds and carriage house, \$600; Marshall house and shed, \$550; barn, \$400; home place, 21 1-2 acres, \$2150; Marshall land, 48 acres, \$1400.....	7,100 00
5 shares Northern R. R., \$795; 1 horse, \$125; 9 cows, \$270; 1 bull, \$20; 6 swine, \$42; 2 carriages, \$60.....	1,312 00

## Fletcher, Charles L.....1 poll

Nutting wood lot, 12 acres, \$150.....	150 00
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## Fitch, Harriet N.—

House and shed, \$900; home place, 1-8 acre, \$75; exempt, \$500.....	475 00
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Fletcher, Samuel.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$4500; barn, shed and hen house, \$800; Currier house, \$500; new house, No. 1, \$400; Hill house, \$600; Spaulding house and shed \$800; blacksmith shop, \$400; home place, 19 acres, \$1200; Cowdrey hill lot, 14 acres, \$140; Bower's lot, 16 acres, \$200; Wright & Richardson lot, 33 acres, \$330; Blodgett lot, 3 acres, \$150; 5 Blodgett house lots, 5 3-4 acres, \$200; Currier lot, 1 acre, \$300; meadow on Stony Brook, \$15; Spaulding house lot, 1-4 acre, \$90 .....		10,625 00
1 steam engine, \$400; horses, \$550; 2 carriages, \$100; stone tools, \$500 .....		1,55 00
Fletcher, Harry N .....	1 poll	
Frost, William E.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,850; home place, 1-2 acre, \$270.....		2,120 00
Frost, Francis A.....	1 poll	
Frederick, Augusta Mrs—		
House and shed, \$800; home place, 1-4 acre, \$115; exempt \$500.....		415 00
Field, Adelbert L.....	1 poll	
Farrall, Thomas J Mrs—		
House and shed, \$600; home place, 2 acres, \$180 .....		780 00
Frazer, Thomas A.....	1 poll	
Frazer, James E.....	1 poll	
Foster, Joseph.....	1 poll	
Flagg, Lucy M Mrs—		
House and shed, \$400; barn, \$200; home place, 47 acres, \$900.....		1,500 00
Furbush, Frank L.....	1 poll	
Flynn, John L.....	1 poll	
Fletcher, George A.....	1 poll	
Forsyth, Henry N.....	1 poll	
Floyd, Samuel N.....	1 poll	
Flynn, William J.....	1 poll	
Fitzgerald, Thomas.....	1 poll	
Foss, Austin H—		
House and shed, \$2,300; barn, carriage and hen house, \$400; home place, 4 1-2 acres, \$1,100.....		3,800 00

Gardener, Robert.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$250.00; barn and hen house, \$175; home place, 80 acres, \$700.....		1,125 00
1 horse, \$50; 2 swine, \$16.....		66 00
George, Ransom N—		
House and shed, \$700; home place, 1 acre, \$50		750 00
Gilson, George Q.....	1 poll	
Gilson, Samuel S.....	1 poll	
Gilson, Levi S.....	1 poll	
Gould, Edwin.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$700; barn, \$500; cider mill and other buildings, \$175; home place, 140 acres, \$1,750; part of Lyon place, 50 acres, \$1,000; Abbot lot, 25 acres, \$250.....		4,375 00
Engine and machinery, \$75; 1 horse, \$60; 3 cows, \$90; 1 carriage, \$20.....		245 00
Gould, Horace E.....	1 poll	
Spaulding wood lot, 8 acres, \$64.....		64 00
2 horses, \$100; 2 cows, \$60; 1 carriage, \$15....		175 00
Gould, George E.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,200; barn, shed and shop, \$350; home place, 4 acres, \$800.....		2,450 00
2 horses, \$150; 1 carriage, \$50.....		200 00
Gould, Clarrisa Mrs—		
House and shed, \$800; shop and hen house, \$125; home place, 1-2 acre, \$75.....		1,000 00
Gould, Joseph.....	exempt poll	
Gould, Warren J.....	1 poll	
Symmes sprout land, 13 acres, \$130.....		130 00
Stock in trade, \$500; 1 horse, \$25; 1 carriage, \$15; 2 bicycles, \$125.....		665 00
Gould, Allen B.....	1 poll	
Gower, William.....	1 poll	
Goode, George W.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$100; 1 carriage, \$100.....		200 00
Griffin, Charles M.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$50; 7 cows, \$210; 2 two-year-olds, \$40; 1 bull, \$15. ....		315 00
Griffin, Lydia S, heirs of—		
House and shed, \$300; barn and hen house, \$500; home place, 75 acres, \$1,000.....		1,800 00

Greig, John.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,600; barn, \$350; cottages,		
Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, \$2,000; home place, 1-4 acre,		
\$100; Wright land, 2 acres, \$500.....		4,550 00
2 horses, \$175; 10 fowls, \$4; 1 carriage, \$20		199 00
Greig, David L.....	1 poll	
Gurney, Henry A.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$400; barn and hen house, \$300;		
home place, 35 acres, \$350; Minor lot, 5 acres,		
\$50 .....		1,100 00
1 horse, \$100; cow, \$30.....		130 00
Grant, Elisha Y.....	1 poll	
Gurtein, Rose Mrs—		
House and shed, \$800; barn and carriage house,		
\$700; hen house, \$25; home place, 78 acres,		
\$1,170.....		2 695 00
2 horses, \$50; 2 cows, \$60.....		110 00
Graham, William.....	1 poll	
Grant, Isaac W.....	1 poll	
Gustafson, William.....	1 poll	
Green, John.....	exempt poll	
Garro, Charles M.....	1 poll	
Glotner, Max.....	1 poll	
Garvis, Alexander.....	1 poll	
Hamlin, Charles A.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,200; barn and carriage		
house, \$850; carriage and store house, \$350;		
hen house, \$75; cider mill and grape house, \$300;		
home place, 29 3-4 acres, \$3,275; orchard		
near school house, 2 1 2 acres, \$700; pasture		
and wood land, 30 acres, \$550; Pond meadow,		
6 acres, \$450; Sacatere lot, 2 acres, \$25;		
Brick place, 46 acres, \$1,000; Promised		
Land, 3 acres, \$400; part of C. Wright place,		
65 acres, \$1,500.....		10,675 00
4 horses, \$325; 10 cows, \$300; 1 bull, \$20; 20		
fowls, \$8; 1 carriage, \$60.....		713 00



Hamlin, Nathan S, heirs of	
House, \$1600; home place, 1 acre, \$350; Davis lot, 6 acres, \$600; Hildreth lot, No. 1, 3 acres, \$180; Hildreth lot, No. 2, 3 acres, \$180; Hildreth lot, No. 3, 13 acres, \$260.....	3,170 00
Hamlin, Samuel A.....	1 poll
Hamlin, Edward A.....	1 poll
1 horse, \$25.....	25 00
Hamblett, Theodore H.....	1 poll
House and shed, \$800; barn and shed, \$300; home place, 5 1-2 acres, \$500; Harwood lot, 6 acres, \$75.....	1,675 00
1 horse, \$25; 1 carriage, \$25.....	50 00
Hamblett, Cyrus.....	1 poll
1 horse, \$15.....	15 00
Hanley, Daniel.....	1 poll
Hanley, John J.....	1 poll
Hall, James H.....	1 poll
House and shed, \$250; barn, \$100; home place, 9 acres, \$100.....	450 00
Hall, Harrison B.....	1 poll
House and shed, \$1500; barn and shed, \$700; home place, 1 1-2 acres, \$540.....	2,740 00
Stock in trade, \$2000; 2 horses, \$125; 2 carriages, \$75.....	2,200 00
Haley, John.....	1 poll
House and shed, \$400; barn and other buildings, \$250; home place, 20 acres, \$350.....	1,000 00
1 horse, \$50; 2 cows, 60.....	110 00
Healy, John A.....	1 poll
House and shed, \$400; barn and shed, \$450; home place, 1-8 acre, \$60; Murray land, 5 acres, \$50	960 00
Stock in trade, \$275; machinery, \$50; 13 horses, \$850; 1 cow, \$20; 4 swine, \$35; 2 carriages, \$50	1,280 00
Healy, James—	
Bond lot, 1 acre, \$25 .....	25 00
Healy, John A. Mrs.—	
House and shed, \$750; home place, 1-8 acre, \$60	810 00
Healy, John A. Jr.—	
Plain lot, 22 acres, \$150 .....	150 00

Healy, James, Mrs.—

House and shed, \$225 ; barn, \$20 ; home place, 1-8  
acre, \$40 ; 2 house lots, 2-3 of acre, \$100 ; ex-  
empt.....

Healy, William J.....1 poll

Healy, Henry J.....1 poll

Healy, Anthony.....1 poll

Healy, Frank.....1 poll

1 bicycle, \$50 ..... 50 00

Healy, Stephen A.....1 poll

1 bicycle, \$20 ..... 20 00

Hartford, George H.....1 poll

House and shed, \$350 ; barn, carriage and hen  
houses, \$180 ; home place, 78 acres, \$1000 ..... 1,530 00

2 horses, \$50 ; 3 cows, \$90 ; 20 fowls, \$8 ; 1 carriage,  
\$20 ..... 168 00

Hartford, Alfred W.....1 poll

Hawkes, Wesley, O.....1 poll

Harris, William, heirs of—

House and shed No. 1, \$1000 ; house No. 2, \$650 ;  
home place, 1-3 acre, \$150 ..... 1,800 00

Harris, Charles A.....1 poll

House and shed, \$100 ; barn and hen house, \$75 ;  
home place, 1-4 acre, \$25 ..... 200 00

1 horse, \$25..... 25 00

Harris, Charles W.....1 poll

Hayden, Daniel.....1 poll

1 horse, \$15 ; 1 carriage, \$20 ..... 35 00

Heywood & Fletcher—

Part of the A. Fletcher place, 131 acres, \$2620 ;  
Long Sought For pond lot, 29 acres, \$400 ..... 3,020 00

Heywood & Keyes—

Woodland east of A. R. Perhame, 26 acres, \$600 ;  
Dutton wood lot, 7 acres, \$250..... 850 00

Heywood and Burbeck.—

House and shed, \$1200 ; barn, carriage and hen  
house, \$300 ; grist mill and store house, \$1000 ;  
saw mill and cider mill, \$500 ; home place, 2 acres,  
\$250 ; land, and water power, 42 acres, \$2000 ;

Chickering lot, 1 acre, \$75 ; Proctor lot, 10 acres ..... 5,485 00

Stock in trade, \$84 ; machinery, \$500 ..... 584 00

Hill, George C.....	1 poll	
Heywood, George W.....	1 poll	
Stock in trade, \$1000 ; 3 horses, \$150 ; 2 carriages, \$60 .....		1,210 00
Heywood & Prescott—		
Spaulding wood lot, 22 acres, \$440 .....		440 00
Heywood, Edwin E.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$750 ; barn and hen houses, \$775 ; home place, 18 acres, \$450 ; Tadmuck swamp lot, 4 acres, \$35 .....		2,010 00
3 horses, \$175 ; 11 cows, \$330 ; 40 fowls, \$16 ; 1 carriage, \$75 .....		596 00
Herrick, Henry, heirs of—		
Dug Hill lot, seven acres, \$140 .....		140 00
Hennessy, Maurice.....	1 poll	
Hildreth, Henry A... ..	1 poll	
House and shed, \$300 ; barn, shed and hen house, \$300 ; home place, 121 acres, \$2400 .....		3,000 00
Hildreth, James, heirs—		
House and shed, \$360 ; barn, \$200 ; home place, 64 acres, \$640 .....		1,200 00
Hildreth, Frank H.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$300 ; barn and shop, \$125 ; 2 beach houses, \$50 ; home place, 30 acres, \$450 .....		925 00
1 horse, \$70 ; 1 cow, \$30 ; 1 carriage, \$20 .....		120 00
Hildreth, Herbert V.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$2300 ; barn and hen houses, \$425 ; home place, 3 acres, \$675 .....		3400 00
Engine and steam drill, \$400 ; 7 horses, \$600 ; 10 fowls, \$4 ; stone tools, \$600 ; 1 carriage, 25 ;...		1629 00
Hildreth, Frank C.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$450 ; barn and carriage house, \$200 ; house place, 90 acres, 1900 ; Farwell lot, 10 acres, \$50 ; .....		2600 00
3 horses, \$200 ; 10 cows, \$300 ; .....		500 00
Hill, George W.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$200, home place, 1-4 acre, \$50 ; ..		250 00
Hindle, Frank.....	1 poll	

Hosmer, Francis.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800; barn, \$100; home place, 3 acres, \$275 ;.....		1175 00
2 cows, \$60 ;.....		60 00
Howard, Calvin L.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$950; barn, \$900; home place, 98 acres, \$2295; Hop yard swamp, 1 1-4 acre \$25; 2 horses, \$125; 17 cows, \$410; 1 yearling, \$15; carriage, \$50; bicycle, \$30;.....		4170 00
		630 00
Howard, Charles D.....	1 poll	
Holt, Edward H.....	1 poll	
House, shed and shop, \$500; home place, 1-8 acre, \$90.....		590 00
Holt, Arthur S.....	1 poll	
Decatur lot, 5 acres, \$300.....		300 00
Hood, Gilbert A.....	1 poll	
Hoyt, Hezekiah.....	1 poll	
Hughes, Thomas.....	1 poll	
Hughes, Edward F.....	1 poll	
Hutchins, Melbourne F.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800; barn and hen house, \$650 home place, 132 acres, \$1,350; Fletcher lot, 20 acres, \$150.....		2,950 00
3 horses, \$150; 13 cows, \$390; 3 two-year-olds, \$60; 3 yearlings, \$45; 10 fowl, \$40; 1 carriage, \$20.....		669 00
Hutchins, Stephen E.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$450; barn, shed and hen house, \$400; home place, 75 acres, \$1,025.....		1,875 00
2 horses, \$100; 5 cows, \$150; 1 yearling, \$15.....		265 00
Hutchins, Samuel M.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$900; barn and carriage house, \$500; home place, 55 acres, \$1,500; Plain lot, 5 acres, \$50.....		2,950 00
Money at interest, \$300; 12 shares Erie Telephone Co, \$642; 2 horses, \$100; 1 carriage, \$25.....		1,067 00
Hutchinson, George.....	1 poll	
Home place, 14 acres, \$210.....		210 00

Humiston, Samuel G.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$700; barn, shed and hen houses, \$500; home place, 81 acres, \$2,080; Plain lot, 12 acres, \$150.....		3,430 00
3 horses, \$175; 5 cows, \$150; 2 yearlings, \$30; 35 fowls, \$14; 1 bicycle, \$45.....		414 00
Hutchins, William E.....	1 poll	
Harrington, Henry P.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$25.....		25 00
Hall, John.....	1 poll	
Hall, Allen J.....	1 poll	
1 horse \$50; 1 carriage, \$35; 1 bicycle, \$30.....		115 00
Hyde, Michael.....	1 poll	
Hanron, Martin.....	1 poll	
Henry, John .....	exempt poll	
Hodgson, William S.....	1 poll	
Hosmer, William E.....	1 poll	
Hunt, James.....	1 poll	
Irish, George F.....	1 poll	
Hen house, \$25.....		25 00
Ingalls, George W.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$60.....		60 00
Isaacson, Charles.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$50.....		50 00
Ingham, Henry .....	1 poll	
Jackson, George O.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$250; barn, \$100; home place, 1 acre, \$75.....		425 00
2 horses, \$80.....		80 00
Johnson, William R.....	1 poll	
Johnson, Andrew .....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800; barn and hen houses, \$350; home place, 80 acres, \$1,375.....		2,525 00
1 horse, \$75; 3 cows, \$90; 1 two-year-old, \$20....		185 00
Johnson, William W.....	1 poll	
House and shed. \$550; barn and shed, \$150; ice houses, \$200; home place, 1-2 acre, \$75.....		975 00
Stock in trade, \$175; 5 horses, \$200.....		375 00
Johnson, Benjamin.....	1 poll	
Johnson, Claus.....	1 poll	



## Jones, George F.—

1 bicycle, \$15.....	15 00
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Jordan, John.....	1 poll
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Jallant, John.....	1 poll
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## Keyes, Rebecca F., Mrs.—

House and shed, \$250; barn, \$275; home place, 40 acres, \$500.....	1,025 00
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1 horse, \$15; 3 cows, \$90; 20 fowls, \$800.....	113 00
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Keyes, George.....	1 poll
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Barn and shed, \$100; home place, 50 acres, \$700;	
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Reed lot, 25 acres, \$350.....	1,150 00
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Keyes, Cornelius F.....	1 poll
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House and shed, \$150; barn and shop, \$125; home place, 153 acres, \$2000; Barnes Plain lot, 16 1-2 acres, \$200; Snow lot, 8 acres, \$100; Swamp lot, 8 acres, \$80.....	2,655 00
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## Keyes, Trueworthy, heirs of—

House and shed, \$200; barn and carriage house, \$100; home place, 44 acres, \$880; North Pond lot, 40 acres \$1200; Dutton field, 8 acres, \$300; Blood lot, 9 acres, \$180; Wood lot on Groton road, 12 acres, \$150.....	3,010 00
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## Keyes, Lucy, Mrs.—

House and shed, \$600; barn and hen-house, \$200; home place, 1 1-2 acres, \$100.....	900 00
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Keyes, Henry O.....	1 poll
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House and shed, \$1,800; barn and hen-house, \$150; house and shed No. 2, \$750; barn and carriage house, \$200; blacksmith and harness shop, \$450; home place, 2 acres, \$300; house lot No. 2, 1-4 acre, \$180.....	3,830 00
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Money at interest, \$100; 3 horses, \$200; 2 carriages, \$75.....	375 00
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Kelleher, Daniel.....	1 poll
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King, Albert.....	1 poll
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House and shed, \$2,000; house No. 2, \$400; barn \$25; home place, 2 1-2 acres, \$250; house lot, No. 2, 1 acre, \$100.....	2,775 00
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King, Harvey.....	1 poll
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King, George.....	1 poll
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Kittredge, William.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$700; barn, carriage, hen house and shop, \$800; home place, 26 acres, \$2,300; Burgess Pond lot, 30 acres, \$900.....		4,700 00
Kittredge, Addie Mrs —		
House and shed, \$2,200; house No. 2, \$600; house No. 3, \$350; home place, 1 1-4 acres, \$300; house lot, No. 2, 1-4 acre, \$90; house lot No. 3, 1-3 acre, \$100.....		3,640 00
Kierstead, Sanford .....	1 poll	
Kierstead, Joseph É.....	1 poll	
Kimball, James L.....	1 poll	
Kable & Krouse —		
House and shed, \$500; barn and hen houses, \$400 home place, 27 acres, \$540.....		1,440 00
2 horses, \$75; 2 cows, \$60.....		135 00
Krouse, Louis.....	1 poll	
Kable, Henry M .....	1 poll	
Keenan, William.....	1 poll	
Krekoriar, Peter G.....	1 poll	
Kirby, Patrick.....	1 poll	
Keyes, Edward H.....	1 poll	
Stock in trade, \$40.....		40 00
Kyle, John.....	1 poll	
Leighton, Amos.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1200; barn, shed and carriage house, \$500; old house, \$25; home place, 111 acres, \$2300; Prescott lot, 6 acres, \$50.....		4,075 00
1 horse, \$40; 6 cows, \$180.....		220 00
Leighton, Amos R.....	1 poll	
Hen-house, \$25; Hutchins lot, 25 acres, \$200.....		225 00
Stock in trade, \$1425; 7 horses, \$325; 1 cow, \$30; 2 swine, \$7; 5 carriages, \$200; 3 bicycles, \$100..		2,087 00
Leighton, A R Mrs —		
House and shed, \$1,600; barn and hen house, \$500; store and tenement, \$700; home place, 5 acres, \$1,000 .....		3,800 00
Lawrence, David, heirs of —		
House and shed, \$800; barn, \$175; unfinished house, \$175; brick house, \$350; home place, 2 acres, \$200; Hop Yard swamp lot, 15 acres, \$150; land at brick house, 1-4 acre, \$50.....		1,900 00

Lanktree, John.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$50; 2 carriages, \$65.....		115 00
Leighton, Ida E Miss —		
Robbins & Reed lot, 20 acres, \$200; exempt.....		200 00
Lee, Joseph.....	1 poll	
Leland, George A.....	1 poll	
Leland, Leroy B.....	1 poll	
Leland, Hiram.....	1 poll	
Leland, Louisa, Mrs.—		
House and shed, \$75; house No. 2, \$35; home place, 30 acres, \$600; exempt.....		
Logue, John.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$400; barn, \$50; home place, 7 acres, \$700.....		1,150 00
Lord, Peter—		
Wright land, 2 acres, \$300.....		300 00
Lord, David.....	1 poll	
Loftus, John.....	1 poll	
Luce, Leonard, heirs of—		
House and shed, \$1,600; barn, \$200; home place, 1 3-4 acres, \$436; exempt, \$1000.....		1,236 00
Leith, Hugh F.....	1 poll	
Lowther, Francis.....	1 poll	
Ledwith, Thomas.....	1 poll	
Longbottom, Arthur.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$25.....		25 00
Longbottom, Walter.....	1 poll	
Lovell, Edwin.....	1 poll	
Litchfield, James A.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$25; 6 cows, \$180; 1 two-year-old, \$20...		225 00
Libby, Charles J.....	1 poll	
Levin, August—		
Butterfield land, 2 acres, \$80.....		80 00
Larkin, Thomas.....	1 poll	
Luce, George.....	1 poll	
Laduce, Hyacinth.....	1 poll	
Lacross, Joseph.....	1 poll	
Lacross, Eugene.....	1 poll	
Marshall, Joseph.....	1 poll	
Keyes house, \$750; new house, \$1,000; Marshall house and tenement, \$1,500; 1-2 barn, \$75; Church house, \$100; Keyes land, 3 acres, \$300..		3,725 00

## Marshall &amp; Son—

Stock in trade, \$300 ; 2 horses, \$100.....	400 00
Marshall, Josiah E.....1 poll	
Martin, John.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$400 ; 2 barns, \$350 ; home place, 117 acres, \$1,300 ; Proctor lot, 16 acres, \$160..	2,210 00
1 horse, \$35 ; 8 cows, \$240 ; 1 two-year-old, \$20 ; 1 yearling, \$15 ; 1 carriage, \$50.....	360 00
Martin, William W.....1 poll	
Martin, Frederick.....1 poll	
Martin, Frederick Mrs —	
House and shed, \$550 ; barn and hen house, \$250 ; home place, 42 acres, \$700.....	1,500 00
1 horse, \$50 ; 4 cows, \$120 ; 20 fowls, \$8.....	178 00
Martin, Frederick, 2d.....1 poll	
McCarty, Charles J.....1 poll	
1 horse, \$75.....	75 00
McCarty, Joseph F.....1 poll	
McDonald, Angus.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$625 ; barns, \$350 ; home place, 85 acres, \$2125.....	3,100 00
4 horses, \$350 ; 13 cows, \$420 ; 1 bull, \$20 ; 1 year- ling, \$15 ; 5 swine, \$42 ; 1 carriage, \$15.....	862 00
McCarty, Johanna, widow —	
House and shed, \$800 ; home place, 1-8 acre, \$75 ; exempt, \$500.....	375 00
McCarty, Thomas.....1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$50.....	50 00
McDougall, Alexander.....1 poll	
Monahan, John J.....1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$25.....	25 00
McGlinchey, James.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$700 ; barn and carriage house, \$475 ; home place, 16 acres, \$560.....	1,735 00
1 horse, \$100 ; 2 cows, \$60, 2 swine, \$28.....	188 00
McGlinchey, Peter.....1 poll	
1 horse, \$75.....	75 00
McLenna, Alvin A.....1 poll	
Meads, Dwight H.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$350 ; barn, shop and hen house, \$300 ; home place, 30 acres, \$650.....	1,300 00
2 horses, \$50 ; 6 cows, \$160 ; 1 yearling, \$15.....	225 00



Merrill, Samuel, heirs of—	
House and shed, \$200; barn and corn barn, \$100; home place, 31 acres, \$1600.....	1,900 00
Merrill, George W.....1 poll	
1 carriage, \$25.....	25 00
Merrill, George W, heirs of—	
Hollis lot, 11 acres, \$150.....	150 00
Milliard, Maurice and Sarah—	
House and shed, \$800; barn, \$350; home place, 23½ acres, \$600; exempt, \$1,000.....	1,750 0
Methodist Episcopal Society—	
House and shed, \$800; home place, ½ acre, \$70...	870 00
Minot, Isaac G—	
Fletcher meadow, 8 acres, \$200; Kidder lot, 32 acres, \$400; Swamp lot, 4 acres, \$80.....	680 00
Mills, Hugh.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$550; barn and carriage house, \$300; home place, 18 acres, \$540.....	1,390 00
1 horse, \$25; 3 cows, \$60; 60 fowls, \$24; 1 car- riage, \$20.....	129 00
Mills, Herbert H.....1 poll	
Miller, Frank E.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$650; blacksmith shop and shed, \$450; new barn, \$100; home place, ½ acre, \$80; Shop land, ½ acre, \$25.....	1,305 00
Stock in trade, \$100.....	100 00
Moore, Edward A.....1 poll	
1 horse, \$25; 1 cow, \$30; 1 carriage, \$20.....	75 00
Mountain, George E.....1 poll	
House, \$700; store and meat market, \$500; home place, 1-5 acre, \$50.....	1,250 00
Stock in trade, \$1,500; 2 horses, \$125.....	1,625 00
Mason, Josiah B.....1 poll	
House, \$900; barn, carriage and hen-house, \$300; home place, 1½ acres, \$200.....	1,400 00
1 horse, \$35.....	35 00
Millis, George F.....1 poll	
Morse, French M .....1 poll	
1 horse, \$25.....	25 00
Morse, Lucy Mrs —	
House and shed, \$225; barn and shed, \$270; home place, 14 acres, \$280.....	775 00



Morrison, James.....	exempt poll	
House and shed, \$100 ; barn, \$250 ; home place, 66 acres, \$700.....		1,050 00
1 horse, \$10 ; 4 cows, \$120 ; 2 two-year-olds, \$40..		170 00
Moran, David.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,100 ; home place, 1-2 acre, \$150.....		1,250 00
Murphy, John F.....	1 poll	
Murphy, George E.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$15.....		15 00
Murphy, Henry J.....	1 poll	
House, shed and shop, \$750 ; barns and carriage house, \$500 ; home place, 100 acres, \$2,000.....		3,250 00
5 horses, \$350 ; 17 cows, \$680 ; 1 two-year-old, \$20 ; 20 fowls, \$8 ; 1 carriage, \$20.....		1,078 00
Murphy, John P.....	1 poll	
Morrison, Mark M.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$600 ; barn, shed and shop, \$250 ; home place, 40 acres, \$400 ; wood lot, 10 acres, \$175.....		1,425 00
1 horse, \$40 ; 4 cows, \$120.....		160 00
Morse, James L.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$50.....		50 00
Murray, Arthur Mrs —		
1 house, \$100 ; home place, 1-4 acre, \$25 ; exempt		
Morse, J Decatur.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$900 ; barn and hen-house, \$725 ; home place, 14 acres, \$420 ; Plain lot, 28 acres, \$420 ; Hoar lot, 7 acres, \$105 ; Swamp lot, $\frac{3}{4}$ acre, \$30.....		2,600 00
1 horse, \$70 ; 4 cows, \$120.....		190 00
McManus, James.....	exempt poll	
McNeil, William R.....	1 poll	
MacDonald, Joseph.....	1 poll	
Morton, Wilfred.....	1 poll	
Morton, Wellington.....	1 poll	
McManinon, Frank.....	1 poll	
Matterson, John.....	1 poll	
McNorton, Walter.....	exempt poll	
McMaster, John, Jr.....	1 poll	
Merritt, Walter J.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$75 ; 1 cow, \$30 ; 10 fowls, \$4.....		109 00

McCluskey, Henry L.....	1 poll	
McGregor, George H.....	1 poll	
McGregor, J D Mrs—		
House and shed, \$850; barn, \$300; Morris house and shed, \$600; barn, \$250; Trull house and shed, \$500; home place, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, \$50; Morris land, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres, \$150; Trull lot, 1 acre, \$90.....		2,790 00
Milligan, Asa.....	1 poll	
McGown, Andrew B.....	1 poll	
McLoughlin, Arthur.....	1 poll	
Moulton, Reuben S.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$30.....		30 00
McAdam, Hugh.....	1 poll	
Mosekiar, Mazaret.....	1 poll	
Magar, M. G.....	1 poll	
Moran, Joseph.....	1 poll	
Mellow, Joseph.....	1 poll	
McDonough, Thomas.....	1 poll	
McLaughlin, Charles.....	1 poll	
Moriarity, Timothy.....	1 poll	
Moriarity, Michael.....	1 poll	
Moran, Richard.....	1 poll	
Moison, William J.....	1 poll	
Marden, Edwin S.....	1 poll	
Metevier, Fred.....	1 poll	
Mountain, Ernest G.....	1 poll	
Wheelock land, 5 acres, \$50.....		50 00
Nesmith, George W.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$750; barn and shed, \$750; home place, 124 acres, \$1400.....		2,900 00
4 horses, \$200; 15 cows, \$450; 1 bull, \$20; 5 two-year-old, \$100; 1 yearling, \$15; 35 fowls, \$14; 1 carriage, \$50.....		849 00
Nesmith, Harry L.....	poll	
House and shed, \$150; barn, \$75; home place, 40 acres, \$480.....		705 00
Noyes, A B Mrs —		
House and shed, \$400; home place, 1-4 acre, \$100; exempt, \$500.		
Nutting, Elmer E.....	1 poll	

Nutting, B F.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$600; barn and corn barn, \$400;		
home place, 76 acres, \$1,000.....		2,000 00
1 horse, \$100.....		100 00
Nutting, Jonathan, heirs of —		
House and shed, \$1,500; barn, \$225; home place,		
1-4 acre, \$140.....		1,865 00
Normington, Wilfred .....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$600; home place, 1 acre, \$100..		700 00
Nickles, Nathan.....	1 poll	
Nason, Luther W.....	exempt poll	
Neilson, Peter L.....	1 poll	
Neursey, George.....	1 poll	
Nelson, Oscar A.....	1 poll	
Northrup, Adino.....	1 poll	
Nashua & Acton R R —		
House at Westford station, \$700 .....		700 00
O'Brien, Cornelius.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$350; barn, \$200; home place,		
17 acres, \$400.....		950 00
1 horse, \$75.....		75 00
O'Brien, James.....	exempt poll	
O'Brien, James 2nd.....	1 poll	
O'Brien, James H.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$400; barn, carriage and hen-		
house, \$250; home place, 35 acres, \$625; Tad-		
muck swamp lot, 1 acre, \$10.....		1,285 00
2 horses, \$125; 2 swine, \$19; 120 fowls, \$48; 1		
carriage, \$75.....		267 00
O'Brien, Honora, Mrs—		
House and shed, \$700; barn and out-buildings,		
\$650; home place, 95 acres, \$2,000.....		3,350 00
3 horses, \$150; 6 cows, \$180; 2 swine, \$9; 2 car-		
riages, \$50.....		389 00
O'Brien, John.....	1 poll	
O'Brien, John 2nd.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$200; barn and carriage house,		
\$175; home place, 70 acres, \$450.....		825 00
1 horse, \$50; 7 cows, \$210; 1 yearling, \$15.....		275 00
O'Brien, John W 2nd.....	1 poll	
O'Brien, James 3rd.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$25; 1 carriage, \$25.....		50 00

Odell, Herbert.....	1 poll	
Odell, William F.....	1 poll	
Odell, J W.....	1 poll	
Osgood, Houghton G.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$900; barn, shed and corn barn,		
\$650; home place, 39 acres, \$1,600; Tadmuck		
swamp lot, 8 acres, \$125.....		3,275 00
2 horses, \$100; 6 cows, \$180; 1 carriage, \$25.....		305 00
Orr, Robert.....	1 poll	
Osgood, Benjamin, heirs of—		
House and shed, \$1000; barn and corn barn, \$800;		
home place, 37 acres, \$3700; Hall field, 9 acres,		
\$150; land near J. B. Reed's, 10 acres, \$400; Davis		
lot, 3 acres, \$60.....		6,110 00
Osgood, Charles E.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$500; barn and hen house, \$100;		
home place, 9 acres, \$225.....		825 00
1 horse, \$35; 3 cows, \$90.....		125 00
Ormand, Samuel.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$600; barn and two sheds, \$250;		
home place, 6 acres, \$150.....		1,000 00
1 horse, \$25; 2 swine, \$21.....		46 00
Odell & Crockett—		
Engine and machinery, \$400; 1 horse, \$100.....		500 00
Orange, Abraham.....	1 poll	
Page, Anna, Miss—		
House and shed, \$800; barn and hen-house, \$350;		
home place, 12 acres, \$200; exempt, \$500.....		850 00
Palmer, Louis P.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1900; barn and shed, \$900;		
house No. 2, \$900; new shed, \$250; blacksmith		
shop, \$50; house and shed No. 3, \$800; home		
place, 70 acres, \$4700; Blodgett lot, 1 acre, \$200;		
Blodgett lot, No. 15, 3-4 acre, \$40; home place,		
No. 3, 3-4 acre, \$150.....		9,890 00
Engine and steam pump, \$800; 6 horses, \$550; 1		
carriage, \$20; 1 bicycle, \$25; stone tools, \$660		1,995 00
Palmer, V. K. Mrs—		
McCarty house, \$700; barn, \$75; home place, 1 1-2		
acres, \$150.....		925 00

## Patten, Rufus, heirs of—

Davis wood lot, 18 acres, \$100; Prescott lot, 9 acres, \$150..... 250 00

Parker, Frederick J ..... 1 poll

Parsons, Wilbert E..... 1 poll

Comey house, \$600; barn, \$200; unfinished building, \$300; fish market, \$200; home place, 3 acres, \$225; Lawrence lot, 1 1-3 acres, \$275.... 1,800 00

3 horses, \$150; 4 swine, \$39; 20 fowls, \$8; 2 carriages, \$75..... 272 00

## Patch, Jane —

House and shed, \$100; barn, \$50; home place, 1 3-4 acres, \$50; Converse lot, 1 1-2 acres, \$25; exempt.....

Peckens, Fletcher..... 1 poll

House and shed, \$600; barn, \$250; home place, 2 1-2 acres, \$200; Hunt lot, 11 acres, \$300..... 1,350 00

2 cows, \$60; 1 horse, \$30..... 90 00

Peebles, Jason E..... exempt poll

Petherick, William H..... 1 poll

Plimpton, Arthur B..... 1 poll

Polley, Alvin G..... 1 poll

House and shed, \$500; barns and corn barn, \$300; home place, 40 acres, \$800; wood lot, 10 acres, \$100; Read lot, No. 1, 7 acres, \$150; Read lot, No. 2, 8 acres, \$100..... 1,950 00

2 horses, \$75; 7 cows, \$210..... 285 00

Prescott, George H..... 1 poll

## Prescott, Sophia C —

House and shed, \$700; barn, \$150; home place, 2 acres, \$180..... 1,030 00

Prescott, Richard D..... 1 poll

Prescott, Crawford E..... 1 poll

Prescott, Sherman L..... 1 poll

2 horses, \$75; 1 sheep, \$4..... 79 00

## Prescott, Olive A—

House and shed, \$1000; barn, \$200; home place, 84½ acres, \$900..... 2,100 00

Prescott, Nelson L..... 1 poll

½ house and shed, \$500; barns and sheds, \$200; home place, 62 acres, \$750..... 1,450 00

1 cow, \$30..... 30 00

Pollock, William..... 1 poll



Prescott, Edward.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1550; barn and carriage house, \$400; house No. 2, \$950; Asa Prescott house, \$850; store house, \$700; Lee house, \$1,000; house and shed at Forge Village, \$1,000; two barns and shop, \$750; home place, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, \$600; land near O. Cooledge, 9 acres, \$650; Asa Prescott land, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, \$250; Patten lot, 6 acres, \$100; house lot No. 2, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, \$50; home place at Forge Village, 164 acres, \$1,550.....		16,400 00
1 horse, \$50; 3 carriages, \$75.....		125 00
Prescott, Peter B, heirs of—		
$\frac{1}{2}$ house and shed, \$500; barn and shed, \$100; home place, 41 acres, \$650; Beaver Brook lot, 45 acres, \$250; Spaulding Hill lot, 12 acres, \$170..		1,670 00
Prescott, Heywood & Co—		
Plain lot, 145 acres, \$1300.....		1,300 00
Prescott, Ebenezer.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$600; barn and shop, \$200; home place, 4 1-4 acres, \$575.....		1,375 00
1 horse, \$20; 1 cow, \$30.....		50 00
Prescott, N. P. heirs of—		
Burgess Pond lot, 13 acres, \$260.....		260 00
Prescott, N. P. & Son, heirs of—		
Land north of T. J. Sherburne's, 90 acres, \$650; Abbot lot, 26 acres, \$400.....		1,050 00
Prescott, Noah.....	1 poil	
House and shed, \$1750; barn, \$400, home place, 1 1-8 acres, \$225; part of Keyes place, 25 acres, \$900; Burroughs lot, 18 acres, \$180; Tar Kiln Hill lot, 10 acres, \$100; Merrill land, 2 acres, \$100..		3,655 00
3 horses, \$200; stone tools, \$300.....		500 00
Prescott, Harry B.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$30.....		30 00
Prescott, Nathan.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$950; barn, \$200; home place, 4 acres, \$600.....		1,750 00
1 horse.....		60 00
Prescott, Albert E.....	1 poll	
Provost, Joseph.....	1 poll	
Provost, Nelson T.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$30.....		30 00

Provost, Fred.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$40.....		40 00
Provost, Henry.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$50.....		50 00
Putney, Samuel F.....	exempt poll	
1 horse, \$50 ; 1 cow, \$10.....		60 00
Putney, Samuel, Mrs—		
House and shed, \$500 ; barn and carriage house, \$200 ; home place, 30 acres, \$900.....		1,600 00
Pyne, James W.....	1 poll	
Payne, John.....	1 poll	
Precious, William C.....	1 poll	
Precious, William.....	1 poll	
Peters, John H.....	1 poll	
Puhpol, Fritz.....	1 poll	
Parmenter, Frank.....	1 poll	
1 yearling, \$15.....		15 00
Pearson, Henry T.....	1 poll	
Porter, John.....	1 poll	
Perrin, Ferdinand.....	1 poll	
Peggott, Alfred.....	1 poll	
Prinn, Alfred.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$25.....		25 00
Payer, Joseph.....	1 poll	
Payer, Alphonse.....	1 poll	
Quinn, Thomas.....	1 poll	
Quist, Andreas G.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$50 ; 1 carriage, \$30.....		80 00
Quist, Axel F.....	1 poll	
Quist, Irene Mrs —		
House and shed, \$700 ; home place, 1-2 acre, \$100		800 00
Quinn, Charles.....	1 poll	
Quinn, Alfred.....	1 poll	
Ravmond, Joseph Mrs —		
House and shed, \$350 ; home place, 1 acre, \$100 exempt.....		
Read, J Henry.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$4000 ; barn, \$500 ; house and shed at farm, \$800 ; 3 barns, cider mill and corn barn, \$1500 ; home place, 1 acre, \$400 ; land at farm, 80 acres, \$2400.....		9,600 00

Engine and machinery, \$200; 4 horses, \$175; 10 cows, \$300; 3 two-year-olds, \$60; 1 bull, \$15; 2 swine, \$14; 1 carriage, \$40.....	804 00
Read, Henry B.....	1 poll
Reed, Charles W.....	1 poll
House and shed, \$270; barn, \$150; home place, 30 acres, \$480.....	900 00
1 horse, \$30; 1 cow, \$10.....	40 00
Reed, William Mrs—	
House and shed, \$4500; barns, \$900; house No. 1, \$600; house No. 2, \$150; house No. 3, \$650; house No. 4, \$2300; house No. 5, \$800; house No. 6, \$750; house No. 7, \$800; house No. 8, \$800; blacksmith shop and tool house, \$150; home place, 10 acres, \$1000; Hutchins lot, 30 acres, \$3500; Carkin lot, 1 acre, \$200; David Reed lot, 1 1-2 acres, \$500; Gilson lot, 1-2 acre, \$150; Stevens lot, 13 acres, \$200; Cowdrey Hill lot 14 acres, \$250.....	18,200 00
45 shares Erie Telephone Co., \$2407; 2 carriages, \$75.....	2,482 00
Reed, George, heirs of—	
House and shed, \$800; barn, \$200; home place, 23 acres, \$700.....	1,700 00
Reed, George and William Mrs—	
Ledge lot, 38 acres, \$800.....	800 00
Reed, David, heirs of—	
House and shed, \$900; barn, \$500; home place, 31 acres, \$1250; Ledge lot, 30 1-2 acres, \$600....	3,250 00
Reed, Myrick, Mrs—	
House and shed, \$150; barn, \$50; home place, 18 acres, \$165.....	exempt
Reed, William, 2nd, heirs of —	
Reed land, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, \$30.....	exempt
Redding, Reuben E.....	1 poll
1 horse, \$70.....	70 00
Richardson, Albert P.....	1 poll
House and shed, \$800; barns and carriage house, \$500; 2 hen-houses, \$100; home place, 16 acres, \$1,100; Plain lot, 25 acres, \$375; Hildreth lot, 2 acres, \$50.....	2,925 00
2 horses, \$200; 60 fowls, \$24; 1 carriage, \$20.....	244 00

Richardson, Charles N.....	1 poll	
Richardson, Olive A—		
Money at interest, \$4600.....		4,600 00
Riney, Timothy D.....	1 poll	
Riney, Frank D.....	1 poll	
Reed, Thomas C.....	1 poll	
Reddick, Lincoln A.....	1 poll	
Records, Thomas.....	1 poll	
Robey, Ossian V.....	1 poll	
Richardson, Joseph T.....	1 poll	
1 cow, \$30; 1 two-year-old, \$20.....		50 00
Richards, Joseph.....	1 poll	
Rockwell, Guy L.....	1 poll	
Robinson, Frederick.....	1 poll	
Reed, Ephraim.....	1 poll	
Rapson, James.....	1 poll	
Rafferty, Thomas.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$100; home place, $\frac{1}{8}$ acre, \$20...		120 00
Raymon, John.....	1 poll	
Richardson, Roy W.....	1 poll	
Ravichaux, Zebfirin.....	1 poll	
Ravichaux, Zephrey.....	1 poll	
Sargent's, C G, Sons—		
Barn and shed, \$500.....		500 00
Machinery, \$6,500; stock in trade, \$5,000; engine and boiler, \$1,000; 3 horses, \$200; 1 carriage, \$50.....		12,750 00
Sargent, Harriet, heirs of—		
House and shed, \$1,300; cottage house, \$400; house lot No. 1, $\frac{1}{8}$ acre, \$90; house lot No. 2, $\frac{1}{8}$ acre, \$60.....		1,850 00
Sargent, Allan C.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$5,000; boat house, \$100; home place, $\frac{3}{4}$ acre, \$400.....		5,500 00
1 horse, \$100; 2 carriages, \$200; 1 bicycle, \$35...		335 00
Sargent, Frederick G.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,000; store and hall, \$1,400; meat shop, \$100; home place, 2 acres, \$700; Store lot, $\frac{1}{8}$ acre, \$100; Blodgett lot, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres, \$300; Blodgett wood lot, 8 acres, \$200.....		3,800 00
1 carriage, \$100; 1 bicycle, \$30.....		130 00



Sargent, Charles G.....1 poll

Sargent, C. G. heirs of—

House and shed, \$6500 ; barn, shed and tenement,  
\$1200 ; houses No. 1, 2 and 3, \$2000 ; house No. 4,  
\$700 ; barn, \$250 ; house No. 6, \$1300 ; houses  
No. 7 and 8, \$1600 ; house No. 9 and 10, \$1300 ;  
No. 11, \$700 ; No. 12 and 13, \$500 ; No. 14, \$200 ;  
No. 15, \$350 ; No. 16, \$300 ; store and tenement,  
No. 17, \$900 ; blacksmith shop, No. 18, \$500 ;  
No. 19 is new mill, \$7000 ; mill No. 20, \$7500 ;  
mill No. 21, \$3150 ; houses No. 23 and 25, \$1500 ;  
mill No. 24, \$1440 ; houses 26, 27, 28 and 29,  
\$2250 ; houses No. 30 and 31, \$1300 ; store house,  
\$810 ; lumber house, \$180 ; pickle and store house,  
\$400 ; pattern house, \$300 ; 1-2 office building,  
\$360 ; 1-2 gas house, \$90 ; ice house, \$75 ; new  
office, \$1700 ; home place and water power, 46 1-2  
acres, \$10,000 ; Stevens lot, 18 acres, \$200 ; Rich-  
ardson lot, 6 acres, \$50 ; land near Arthur  
Wright's, 1 acre, \$200.....

56,805 00

Steam engine, \$200 ; boiler, \$150.....

350 00

Seifer, C. Frederick.....1 poll

House and shed, \$500 ; barn and hen house, \$200 ;  
home place, 22 acres, \$400.....

1,100 00

1 horse, \$40 ; 3 cows, \$90.....

130 00

Seifer, William F.....1 poll

Seifer, John H.....1 poll

Shugrue, Charles F.....1 poll

House and shed, \$450 ; barn, \$200 ; beach house,  
\$25 ; home place, 95 acres, \$1140.....

1,815 00

2 horses, \$80 ; 2 cows, \$60 ; 1 swine, \$7.....

147 00

Splaine, Patrick.....1 poll

Splaine, Daniel E.....1 poll

Store, \$300 ; store lot, 1-4 acre, \$50.....

350 00

Stock in trade, \$100 ; 1 horse, \$75 ; 1 carriage, \$50

225 00

Sherburne, Thomas J, heirs of—

House and shed, \$150 ; barn and hen-house, \$100 ;  
home place, 15 acres, \$180.....exempt

Sheahan, Andrew, heirs of—

House and shed, \$450 ; barn and hen-house, \$300 ;  
home place, 80 acres, \$800.....

1,550 00



Sheahan, John J.....	1 poll	
2 horses, \$25.....		25 00
Sheahan, Daniel H.....	1 poll	
2 mills, \$300; land and water power, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, \$200.....		500 00
Stock in trade, \$200; machinrey, \$200.....		400 00
Shattuck, David H.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800; home place, $\frac{1}{8}$ acre, \$70...		870 00
Shirn, Michael, Mrs, widow—		
House and shed, \$225; home place, 27 acres, \$400; exempt.....		
Shaw, Alvarado.....	1 poll	
Shaw, Francis A.....	1 poll	
Hen-house, \$20.....		20 00
Sleeper, Walter J.....	1 poll	
House and barn, \$3,500; home place, 2 acres, \$700.....		4,200 00
3 horses, \$300; 2 carriages, \$50.....		350 00
Smith, Jacob.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$700; barn and hop house, \$400; home place, 82 acres, \$1,700.....		2,800 00
1 horse, \$75; 1 cow, \$30; 1 carriage, \$20.....		125 00
Smith, John.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$700; home place, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, \$50 ...		750 00
Smith, Mary A., Mrs—		
House and shed, \$100; barn, \$50; home place, 75 acres, \$500.....		
3 cows, \$90.....	exempt	
Spaulding, Calvin W.....	exempt poll	
Spaulding, John F.....	1 poll	
Stancomb, James.....	1 poll	
Spinner, John.....	1 poll	
Spinner, Robert.....	1 poll	
Spinner, James.....	1 poll	
Spinner, Flora Mrs—		
House and shed, \$750; barn and shop, \$250; home place, 2 3-4 acres, \$700.....		1,700 00
Spalding, O. R. & E. G.....	2 polls	
House and shed, \$1600; barn, shed and hen-house, \$1100; house No. 2, \$2800; home place, 30 acres, \$2500; Providence lot, 14 acres, \$300; Hildreth Plain, 32 acres, \$800; Snow lot, 14 acres, \$140; Plain lot, 12 acres, \$150; Cummings lot, 20 acres,		

\$500 ; White lot, 14 acres, \$168 ; new house lot, 1-2 acre, \$150 ; Chestnut lot, 10 1-2 acres, \$500 ; Patten Meadow, 5 acres, \$75 ; Patten Hill Pasture, 45 acres, \$900 ; Swamp lot, 11 acres, \$55 ; Fletcher lot, 3 acres, \$30 ; wood land on Rail Cut Hill, 6 acres, \$100 .....	11,868 00
Stock in trade, \$500 ; 2 horses, \$100 ; 7 cows, \$210 ; 1 two-year-old, \$20 ; 60 fowls, \$24.....	854 00
Spillane, Patrick.....1 poll	
Stephan, Reinhold.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$225 ; barn and hen house, \$175 ; home place, 16 acres, \$300.....	700 00
1 horse, \$40.....	40 00
Sherman, Daniel W.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$400 ; 2 barns and shed, \$375 ; home place, 73 acres, \$900.....	1,675 00
2 horses, \$50 ; 2 cows, \$60 ; 1 carriage, \$20.....	130 00
Stone, Gilmer.....1 poll	
1 horse, \$25.....	25 00
Stony Brook Water Power Co—	
Hildreth meadow, 3 acres, \$30 ; Wheeler meadow, 6 acres, \$55 ; Hazard meadow, 9 acres, \$80 ; Day meadow, 2 acres, \$20 ; Loring meadow, 8 acres, \$70.....	255 00
Stoddard, Harriet B Mrs—	
House and shed, \$1300 ; barn, \$300.....	1,600 00
Stony Brook R R Co—	
House at Forge Village, \$1000 ; house at Westford station, \$650 ; house at Graniteville, \$600 ; house lot at Forge Village, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, \$150 ; house lot at Westford station, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, \$150 ; Hill lot at Graniteville, 7 acres, \$1000.....	3,550 00
Sullivan, Jeremiah J.....1 poll	
2 cows, \$60.....	60 00
Sullivan, James.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$750 ; home place, $\frac{1}{8}$ acre, \$60... 2 bicycles, \$100.....	810 00 100 00
Sullivan, Florence Mrs—	
House and shed, \$200 ; barn, \$100 ; home place, 20 acres, \$250.....	exempt
Sherburne, George J.....1 poll	
1 horse, \$25 ; 1 cow, \$30 ; 1 carriage, \$20.....	75 00

## Sweetser, Nathaniel Mrs—

Wright lot, 44 acres, \$700 ; A. Fletcher lot, 8 acres, \$120.....	exempt, \$500	820 00
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## Sweetser, George N.....1 poll

House and shed, \$500 ; barn, \$150 ; home place, 50 acres, \$1000.....		1,650 00
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Stock in trade, \$100 ; 2 horses, \$160 ; 1 cow, \$30 ; 3 two-year-olds, \$60 ; 1 yearling, \$15 ; 20 fowls, \$8 ; 1 carriage, \$25.....		398 00
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## Sweetser, Judson F.....1 poll

House and shed, \$800 ; barn and hen-house, \$700 ; home place, 103 acres, \$2000 ; Gates lot, 81 acres, \$570.....		4,070 00
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Stock in trade, \$450 ; 4 horses, \$280 ; 7 cows, \$210 ; 60 fowls, \$24, 1 carriage, \$20.....		984 00
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## Sweetser, Lorenzo.....1 poll

House and shed, \$650 ; barn, shed and hen-house, \$250 ; home place, 25 acres, \$450 ; Sawtelle lot, 18 acres, \$180.....		1,530 00
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Money at interest, \$600 ; 1 horse, \$50 ; 1 two-year- old, \$20 ; 1 carriage, \$25.....		695 00
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## Sweetser, Warren P.....1 poll

## Sweetser, Nathaniel, heirs of—

Lancey lot, 13 acres, \$500 ; Fletcher lot, 13 acres, \$250.....		750 00
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## Sweatt, Samuel D.....1 poll

Sweatt, Fred A.....1 poll 2 horses, \$150 ; 1 carriage, \$40.....		190 00
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## Sweatt, Moses H.....1 poll

House and shed, \$850 ; home place, 1-8 acre, \$80..		930 00
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## Symmes, Fletcher.....1 poll

House, \$100 ; home place, 1 acre, \$50 ; Shattuck & Bedell lot, 3 1-2 acres, \$250.....		400 00
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## Symmes, Edward, Mrs—

House and shed, \$180 ; home place, 21 acres, \$315 ; Providence lot, 4 acres, \$80 ; Hildreth lot, 1 1-4 acres, \$35.....		610 00
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## Symmes, Carver.....1 poll

Barn and shop, \$200 ; home place, 25 acres, \$500..		700 00
3 cows, \$90.....		90 00

Symmes, William E.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$450; barn and shed, \$200; home place, 12 acres, \$240.....		890 00
1 horse, \$25; 4 cows, \$120; 1 yearling, \$15.....		160 00
Symmes, Thomas E.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800; barn and hen-houses, \$100; home place, 15 acres, \$600.....		1,500 00
2 cows, \$60; 85 fowls, \$34.....		94 00
Steele, Mervin F.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$35; 1 carriage, \$10.....		45 00
Sears, Joseph H.....	1 poll	
Seems, Lixey W.....	1 poll	
House, \$350; home place, 1 acre, \$40.....		390 00
1 cow, \$30.....		30 00
Stewart, James.....	1 poll	
Stirk, Frederick.....	1 poll	
Swanson, Noak.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$675; barn and hen-house, \$20; home place, 1 acre, \$75.....		770 00
1 horse, \$25.....		25 00
Snyder, Samuel.....	1 poll	
Sevard, Ulysses.....	1 poll	
Smith, Andrew W.....	1 poll	
Smith, Charles—		
1 horse, \$25.....		25 00
Sanborn, George L.....	1 poll	
Sherman, George.....	1 poll	
Sullivan, Thomas O.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$700; barn, \$360; home place, 94 acres, \$1000.....		2,060 00
1 horse, \$40; 1 cow, \$30.....		70 00
Sullivan, Eugene.....	1 poll	
Sgagren, A.....	1 poll	
Searles, Charles J.....	1 poll	
Sevard, Henry.....	1 poll	
Sevard, Joseph.....	1 poll	
Silvest, Alfred.....	1 poll	
Servigney, Desiry.....	1 poll	
Sprague, Imri W.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1300; barn, \$100; house No. 2, \$350; home place, 14 acres, \$750.....		2,500 00



Servigneu, Napoleon.....	1 poll	
Taylor, Samuel L.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800 ; barn, shed and other build- ings, \$400 ; home place, 40 acres, \$1000.....		2,200 00
2 horses, \$80 ; 6 cows, \$180.....		260 00
Taylor, Robert J.....	exempt poll	
Taylor, John P.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$25 ; 1 cow, \$30 ; 2 swine, \$18.....		73 00
Tallant, Eben W.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$600 ; barn and hen-house, \$450 ; home place, 25 acres, \$735.....		1,785 00
1 horse, \$20 ; 2 cows, \$60 ; 1 two-year-old, \$20 ; 1 yearling, \$15 ; 10 fowls, \$4 ; 1 carriage, \$25.....		144 00
Temple, Mary, Mrs—		
House and shed, \$200 ; barn, \$50 ; home place, 1-4 acre, \$25.....	exempt	
Talbot, Joseph.....	1 poll	
Tuttle, Nelson L.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1500 ; barn, shed and shop, \$950 ; home place, 2 acres, \$600 ; Reed lot, 10 acres, \$75 ; Blodgett pasture, 17 acres, \$510.....		3,635 00
Engine and machinery, \$275 ; stock in trade, \$50 ; 1 horse, \$100 ; 1 cow, \$30.....		455 00
Trott, Charles.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$700 ; barn, shed and corn barn, \$700 ; home place, 96 acres, \$1900.....		3,300 00
2 horses, \$150 ; 7 cows, \$210 ; 1 carriage, \$25.....		385 00
Tufts, Eben.....	1 poll	
Tiburc & Bix—		
House and shed, \$700 ; barn and carriage horse, \$300 ; home place, 77 acres, \$1300.....		2,300 00
Trembly, David G.....	1 poll	
2 horses, \$175 ; 2 carriages, \$125.....		300 00
Tulis, Frank B.....	1 poll	
Tapjean, M. H.....	1 poll	
Teel, Joseph C.....	1 poll	
Union Society—		
House and shed, \$1500 ; barn and hen house, \$300 ; home place, 1-2 acre, \$180.....		1,980 00
Varin, Benjamin.....	1 poll	



Vickery, David, heirs of—	
Vickery land, 1-2 acre, \$45.....Exempt	45 00
Voto Simon.....1 poll	
Verville, Alcide.....1 poll	
Vose, Mary S., Mrs.—	
Kidder & Gates lot, 37 acres, \$400.....	400 00
Vose, William M.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$1400; barn and shed, \$850; house at old place, \$600; barn and hen-houses, \$150; home place, 55 acres, \$1400; Sweetser pasture, 6 acres, \$60; Gates lot, 6 acres, \$90; Fletcher pas- ture, 15 acres, \$125; Cookson lot, 4 acres, \$100; Merchants meadow lot, 5 acres, \$100; home place No. 2, 89 acres, \$1424.....	6,299 00
2 horses, \$50; 14 cows, \$420... ..	470 00
Vose, Almon S.....1 poll	
Wayne, John.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$200; 2 barns and hen-house, \$300; home place, 37 acres, \$600; Whitney pas- ture, 22 acres, \$150.....	1,250 00
2 horses, \$50; 3 cows, \$90; 1 yearling, \$15.....	155 00
Ward, John E.....1 poll	
2 shops, \$100; Martin Wright lot, 14 acres, \$150; land west T. J. Sherburne, 8 acres, \$200; Danforth lot, 2 acres, \$40.....	490 00
Stone tools, \$100; 1 carriage, \$50....	150 00
Ward, Daniel.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$180; barn, \$225; home place, 40 acres, \$400; Smith land, 11 acres, \$160.....	965 00
1 horse, \$35; 3 cows, \$90.....	125 00
Walker, Melvin.....1 poll	
Walker, Josiah.....exempt poll	
House and shed, \$650; barns, \$500; home place, 97 acres, \$1250.....	2,400 00
2 horses, \$80; 5 cows, \$150.....	180 00
Walker, Charles E.....1 poll	
Walkden, James A.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$650; wheelwright shop, \$350; hen-house, sheds and barn, \$150; home place, 3 acre, \$100; Reed land, 3 acres, \$125.....	1,375 00

Stock in trade, \$100; engine and boiler, \$200; machinery, \$200; 1 horse, \$100; 2 cows, \$60; 1 yearling, \$15.....	675 00
Wall, Patrick.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$600; barn, \$200; home place, 1 acre, \$175; Truby land, 1 1-2 acres, \$135.....	1,110 00
Wall, William H.....1 poll	
Wall, Albert R.....1 poll	
Wall, Joseph.....1 poll	
Wall, Maria, Mrs—	
House and shed, \$400; home place, 1-8 acre, \$60..	460 00
Wall, Frederick.....1 poll	
Weaver, William.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$1750; home place, 1-8 acre, \$50.	1,800 00
Westford, First Parish—	
Church lot, 13 acres, \$130.....	130 00
Whitney, Joseph.....1 poll	
Adams lot, 3-4 acre, \$50.....	50 00
Whitney, Mary H. Mrs—	
House and shed, \$350; barn, \$100; home place, 1-2 acre, \$25.....	475 00
1 horse, \$25; 1 bicycle, \$25.....	50 00
Whitney, William M.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$700; barn, \$150; home place, 1 acre, \$150.....	1,000 00
Whitney, Julian.....1 poll	
1 horse \$25; 1 cow \$30.....	55 00
Whitney, John H.....exempt poll	
House and shed, \$600; barn, \$200; home place, 1 acre, \$90; Osgood lot, 1 1-2 acres, \$70.....	960 00
Whitney, George H.....1 poll	
Whitney, Hiram.....1 poll	
House and shed, \$3200; barn, carriage house and shed, \$1000; ice house, \$150; house No. 2, \$550; barn and shop, \$180; home place, 18 acres, \$1800; Tadmuck swamp lot, 9 acres, \$90; Swamp lot, 3 acres, \$50; home place No. 2, 3 acres, \$300.....	7,320 00
27 shares Erie telephone, \$1444; 1 horse, \$50; 2 cows, \$60; 3 carriages, \$300.....	1,854 00

## Wheeler, Mary J., Mrs.—

House and shed, \$1000; barn and hen houses, \$225; home place, 20 acres, \$1500.....	2,725 00
4 cows, \$120; 1 carriage, \$50.....	170 00

## Wheeler, Leonard W.....1 poll

Longley lot No. 1, 10 acres, \$200.....	200 00
1 horse, \$75; 1 bicycle, \$50.....	125 00

## Wheeler, L. W. &amp; R. B.—

Longley pasture, No. 2, 6 acres, \$150.....	150 00
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## Wheeler, Charles Mrs.—

Drake & Heywood lot, 14 acres, \$168.....exempt

## White, William.....1 poll

House and shed, \$800; house No. 2, \$300; home place, 1-8 acre, \$70.....	1,170 00
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## Whigham, William.....1 poll

1 horse, \$100; 1 cow, \$30.....	130 00
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## Whigham, Thomas.....1 poll

## Whittaker, Christopher.....1 poll

House and shed, \$100; barn, \$25; home place, 5 acres, \$100.....	225 00
1 cow, \$30.....	30 00

## Whidden, Charles E.....1 poll

House and shed, \$750; barn and hen-houses, \$550; coal house at Westford station, \$75; ice house, \$25; home place, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, \$100.....	1,500 00
3 horses, \$140; 2 cows, \$60; 15 fowls, \$6; 2 car- riages, \$75.....	281 00

## Whidden, Ralph C.....1 poll

2 horses, \$100 .....	100 00
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## Wilson, John.....1 poll

## Wilson, Elizabeth S Mrs—

House and shed, \$700; barn, shed and carriage house, \$650; hen-house, \$25; home place, 52 acres, \$1300.....	2,675 00
3 horses, \$150; 10 cows, \$300.....	450 00

## Wilson, Thomas A. E.....1 poll

## Wilson, J. D. &amp; T. A. E.—

Osgood lot, 5 acres, \$75.....	75 00
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## Wilkins, Luther, heirs of—

House and shed, \$900; barn and hen-house, \$200; home place, 16 acres, \$1450.....	2,550 00
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Wilkins, Martin A.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$50; 3 cows, \$90; 70 fowls, \$28; 1 carriage, \$20.....		188 00
Wilson, Joseph H.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$15.....		15 00
Wilkerson, Joseph D.....	exempt poll	
House and shed, \$100; home place, 1 acre, \$100; exempt.....		200 00
Willis, Samuel R.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$850; home place, 1-8 acre, \$70..		920 00
Woods, J. Everett.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$300; barn, \$350; home place, 30 acres, \$300; Snake meadow, 24 acres, \$240.....		1,190 00
2 horses, \$100; 5 cows, \$150.....		250 00
Wright, Frank C.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$450; barn and hen-houses, \$350; home place, 40 acres, \$800.....		1,600 00
2 horses, \$150; 5 cows, \$150; 1 two-year-old, \$20; 1 yearling, \$15; 1 swine, \$11; 85 fowls, \$34....		380 00
Woodbury, Alfred.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$625; barn and hen-houses, \$250; home place, 8 acres, \$150; Temple land, 40 acres, \$500; Swamp lot, 1-4 acre, \$10.....		1,535 00
1 horse, \$40; 7 cows, \$210; 3 yearlings, \$45.....		295 00
Woodbury, Ralph E.....	1 poll	
35 fowls, \$14; 1 carriage, \$40.....		54 00
Woodbury, Betsey, Mrs—		
House and shed, \$650; home place, 1-8 acre, \$50..		700 00
Worcester, Ellen P. Mrs—		
House and shed, \$1600; barn and hen house, \$350; home place, 35 acres, \$550.....		2,500 00
1 horse, \$100.....		100 00
Worcester, Israel S.....	1 poll	
Wright, George P.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$550; barn, sheds and hen-house, \$350; home place, 30 acres, \$700.....		1,600 00
Wright, Willey M.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$100; 1 carriage, \$15.....		115 00
Wright, Willey, Mrs—		
House and shed, \$275; barn and hen-house, \$150; home place, 4 acres, \$150.....		575 00



Wright, Everett E.....	1 poll	
Wright, G. J. & A. S—		
Snake Meadow lot, 20 acres, \$300; Sought-For		
Pond lot, 12 acres, \$125.....		425 00
Wright, Gilman J.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800; barn, \$300; home place, 3		
acres, \$700.....		1,800 00
Money at interest, \$54.....		54 00
Wright, Andrew S.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1200; barn and hen-houses, \$750;		
home place, 9 acres, \$800; Promised Land, 3		
acres, \$400.....		3,150 00
1 horse, \$75; 1 cow, \$30; 200 fowls, \$80; 1 car-		
riage, \$20.....		205 00
Wright, Gilman F.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$800; barn and shed, \$150; home		
place, 60 acres, \$800.....		1,750 00
1 horse, \$10; 1 cow, \$30.....		40 00
Wright, Charles H.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$900; barn and hen-houses, \$650;		
home place, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, \$50; Hop Yard lot, $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres,		
\$50; Peckens lot, 7 acres, \$200.....		1,850 00
4 horses, \$200; 2 cows, \$60; 2 swine, \$21; 35 fowls,		
\$14; 2 carriages, \$50.....		345 00
Wright, Joseph E.....	exempt poll	
Wright, Sidney B.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$700; barn, silo and carriage		
house, \$900; 2 hen-houses, \$50; home place, 37		
acres, \$1060; Spring lot, 5 acres, \$150; Grose		
lot, 1 acre, \$20; Sacatere lot, 16 acres, \$200.....		3,080 00
6 horses, \$250; 8 cows, \$240; 1 bull, \$15; 3 swine,		
\$21; 1 carriage, \$15.....		541 00
Wright, Walter C.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$100; 1 carriage, \$50.....		150 00
Wright, Nahum H.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1700; barn, \$300; home place,		
6 1-2 acres, \$1000.....		3,000 00
Wright, Harwood L.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$50.....		50 00
Wright & Fletcher—		
Stock in trade, \$2200; 1 horse, \$75.....		2,275 00



Wright, Arthur.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1,400; barn and shed, \$175;		
house near R. R., \$300; home place, 1 1-4 acres,		
\$250; house lot No. 2, 1-4 acre, \$45.....		2,170 00
Wright, Arthur Mrs.—		
95 shares Erie Telephone Co., \$5083.....		5,083 00
Wright, Arthur, Guardian for Percy Blood—		
Monument lot, 10 acres, \$250.....		250 00
Wright & Bemis—		
Stock in trade, \$3000; 2 horses, \$125.....		3,125 00
Wright, Jephtha.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$750; barn and shed, \$300; Tidd		
barn, \$50; home place, 202 1-2 acres, \$3185;		
Blodgett lot, 26 acres, \$300; exempt, \$1700,		
mortgagee's interest.....		4,585 00
2 cows, \$60.....		60 00
Wright, Hammett D.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1200; barn, \$200; home place,		
12 acres, \$800; woodland on Snake Meadow hill,		
6 acres, \$200; mortgagee's claim in J. Wright		
place, \$1700.....		4,200 00
Machinery, \$100; 2 horses, \$125; stone tools, \$300;		
1 carriage, \$15.....		540 00
Wright, Bradley V.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$75; 1 carriage, \$50.....		125 00
Wright, Josiah O.....	1 poll	
Wright, John.....	1 poll	
Wyman, Walter W.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$50; 1 cow, \$30.....		80 00
Wyman, Ida Mrs.—		
House and shed, \$200; 2 barns and apple house,		
\$175; home place, 40 acres, \$600.....		975 00
Wyeth, Hannah, Mrs.—		
House and shed, \$1500; barn, \$400; home place, 5		
acres, \$400.....		2,300 00
Stock in trade, \$150.....		150 00
West, Charles L.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$300; barn, \$50; home place, 10		
acres, \$125.....		475 00
1 horse, \$20.....		20 00

Whitney, Sidney D.....	1 poll	
1 horse, \$10.....		10 00
Whittier, Abel C.....	1 poll	
House and shed, \$1300; barn, shed and hen-house, \$1300; home place, 76 acres, \$3655; Beaver Brook lot, 20 acres, \$500.....		6,755 00
3 horses, \$225; 10 cows, \$300; 3 two-year-olds, \$60; 3 yearlings, \$45; 1 bull, \$15; 2 swine, \$20; 1 carriage, \$100.....		765 00
Whittier, James W.....	1 poll	
Wyman, George W.....	1 poll	
Welch, William H.....	1 poll	
Woods, W. L.....	1 poll	
1 bicycle, \$75.....		75 00
Woods, E. C.....	1 poll	
Woods, Oliver.....	1 poll	
Warren, Walter W.....	1 poll	
Wheeler, Fred.....	1 poll	
Wild, James T.....	1 poll	
Yalrobsion, E.....	1 poll	

## NON-RESIDENTS.

### ACTON.

Roulliard, John—	
Hapgood meadow, 2 acres, \$40 .....	\$ 40 00
Roulliard, Frederick, heirs of—	
Wood and meadow land on Littleton line, 10 acres,	
\$60 .....	60 00
Reed, Isaac—	
Parker lot, 47 acres, \$940 .....	940 00
Durkee, Susannah E., heirs of—	
Wood land on Littleton line, 10 acres, \$50 .....	50 00
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee—	
Fletcher lot, 10 acres, \$150 .....	150 00
Tuttle, Varnum—	
Gates lot, on Littleton line, 1 acre, \$20 .....	20 00

### NORTH ACTON.

Miller, Lucy A.—	
Wood land, north of T. Reed's, 21 acres, \$400 ....	400 00

### AYER.

Wadsworth, Sarah A., heirs of—	
1-3 Davis wood and pasture land, 8 1-3 acres, \$295.	295 00

### ARLINGTON.

Dupee, Lorenzo H.—	
Wood land, near William M. Vose, 19 acres, \$400..	400 00
Dodge, I. E. & S. D.—	
Herrick pasture, 10 acres, \$250 .....	250 00

### ALBANY, N. Y.

Bacon, Sarah M.—	
Flushing Pond lot, 8 acres, \$200 .....	200 00

## AURORA, ILL.

Josslyn, Leavitt R.—

Pasture on Oak hill, 8 acres, \$160.....	160 00
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## BOSTON.

Wheeler, Isaac G—

House and shed, \$500 ; home place, 1 acre, \$90....	590 00
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Hart &amp; Fowler—

Forge Pond lot, 6 acres, \$120.....	120 00
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Wright, Isaac S. heirs of—

Drake lot, 19 acres, \$250.....	250 00
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Swift &amp; Co—

Forge Pond lot, 1-8 acre, \$15.....	15 00
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Abbott, J. G. heirs of—

Nutting wood lot, 49 acres, \$700 ; Chamberlin lot, 21 acres, \$300 ; Flushing Pond lot, 7 acres, \$50 ; Lawrence lot, 18 acres, \$200 ; Richardson lot, 50 acres, \$400 ; Wright lot, 28 acres, \$350 ; Douglass lot, 7 acres, \$250 ; wood lot on Oak Hill, 12 acres, \$300 ; Hunt lot, 20 acres, \$300 ; Dix lot, 10 acres, \$100 ; Brown lot, 10 acres, \$50.....	3,000 00
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## BELMONT.

Fletcher, J. V—

House and shed, \$1800 ; barns and carriage house, \$1000 ; home place, 84 acres, \$3500.....	6,300 00
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2 horses, \$200 ; 12 cows, \$360 ; 1 two-year-old, \$20 ;	
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4 swine, \$70 ; 20 sheep, \$80.....	730 00
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Hittinger, Thomas S—

Barn, office and other buildings, \$1000 ; ice house lot, 3 acres, \$1000 .....	2,000 00
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## BILLERICA.

Hutchins, I. W. &amp; H. M—

Parker lot, 16 acres, \$400 ; Reed lot, 8 1-2 acres, \$200 ; Barret Wright lot, 25 acres, \$1000.....	1,600 00
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## BURLINGTON.

Simonds, Nathan—

Burgess Pond lot, 7 1-2 acres, \$300.....	300 00
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## CALIFORNIA.

Bruce, Herbert—

Sacatere lot, 4 acres, \$80.....	80 00
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## CARLISLE.

Whittier, George E.—

Boynton lot, 3 acres, \$60.....	60 00
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Boynton, Joel Mrs.—

Wood and meadow land, on Carlisle line, 11 acres, \$220.....	220 00
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Blaisdell, Warren H.—

Part of Cook place, 30 acres, \$300 ; Spring lot, 7 acres, \$87 ; Tadmuck swamp lot, 11 acres, \$110 ; Dunn lot, 7 acres, \$70 ; Byam lot, 4 1-2 acres, \$22 ; wood land, near B. Fletcher, 9 acres, \$180.	769 00
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## CHELMSFORD.

Adams, Isaac, heirs of—

Part of home place, 40 acres, \$1000.....	1,000 00
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Adams, T. Minot—

Tadmuck swamp lot, 5 acres, \$250.....	250 00
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Adams &amp; Barron—

Flushing pond lot, 16 acres, \$275.....	275 00
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Bartlett, C. E. A.—

Law's lot, on Carlisle line, 12 acres, \$250.....	250 00
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Blodgett, Luther—

Sawmill meadow, 16 acres, \$200.....	200 00
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Byam, George O.—

Pasture on Chelmsford line, 2 acres, \$40 ; land near E. Heywood's, 10 acres, \$150.....	190 00
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Sheahan, Thomas Mrs.—

Tadmuck swamp lot, 4 acres, \$80.....	80 00
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Dutton, Edward C—

Byam lot, 7 acres, \$140 ; Osgood pasture, 5 acres, \$100 ; Tadmuck Swamp lot, 5 acres, \$300.....	540 00
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Edwards, N. B. heirs of—

Wood land on Oak Hill, 42 acres, \$600 ; Fletcher lot, 13 acres, \$300 ; Shipley swamp lot, 32 acres, \$640 ; Ingalls lot, 10 acres, \$250 ; Blood lot, 25 acres, \$550 ; Drake lot, 10 acres, \$125 ; Parker lot, 8 acres, \$56..	2,521 00
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Emerson, J. B. heirs of—		
Hollis pasture, 40 acres, \$550 ; Perham lot, 30 acres,		
\$400 .....	950	00
Farrar, Ellen, Miss—		
Osgood lot, 15 acres, \$250 .....	250	00
Hall, Daniel—		
Wood land on Oak Hill, 4 acres, \$40 .....	40	00
Hamblett, William—		
House and shed, \$300 ; home place, 55 acres, \$1100 ;		
land on town line, 3 acres, \$25 .....	1,425	00
Hunt, Samuel C—		
Tadmuck Swamp lot, 25 acres, \$800 .....	800	00
Heywood, Benjamin, heirs of—		
Wood and pasture land on Town Line, 50 acres, \$800	800	00
Holt, George H—		
Spaulding lot, 1 acre, \$40 .....	40	00
Lapham, Nathan B—		
Vose lot, 15 acres, \$300 ; Wilkins lot, 17 acres,		
\$255 .....	555	00
Mansfield, Leonard J—		
Tadmuck Swamp lot, 15 acres, \$200 .....	200	00
Provansha, George—		
Harlow lot, 3 acres, \$150 .....	150	00
Pollard, Dawson, heirs of—		
Keyes lot, 6 acres, \$150 .....	150	00
Perry, John N, heirs of—		
Spaulding lot, 23 acres, \$230 .....	230	00
Parkhurst, E K—		
Pasture land on town line, 1 acre, \$20 .....	20	00
Parker, Edward F—		
Saw-mill meadow, 2 acres, \$25 .....	25	00
Robbins, Triphena, heirs of—		
$\frac{1}{4}$ Hall field, 3 acres, \$45 .....	45	00
Robbins, Benjamin O—		
Tadmuck swamp lot, 6 acres, \$60 ; Neckfield lot,		
14 acres, \$210 ; wood and meadow land near B.		
Heywood's, 6 acres, \$75 ; lot on new road, 9 acres,		
\$90 .....	435	00

## Moore, George C—

New mill, \$7000; mill No. 2, \$2000; blacksmith shop and storehouse, \$125; house and shed, \$1100; barn, \$300; house No. 2, \$675; Dutton cottage, \$300; boarding house, \$1400; house and shed at farm, \$500; barn and shed at farm, \$800; new hall and building at Pond, \$1400; new cottages, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, \$900 each, \$5400; land and water power, 19 acres, \$5100; home place, 167 acres, \$2800; Harwood lot, 6 acres, \$200; Levi Fletcher lot, 5 acres, \$100; Saw-mill meadow, 7 acres, \$50; Chandler Field, 20 acres, \$300; Osgood lot, 16 acres, \$200..... 29,750 00

Stock in trade, \$1500; machinery, \$6500; steam engine and boiler, \$1500; 2 horses, \$125..... 9,625 00

## Sampson, Seth—

Kidder lot on Oak hill, 15 acres, \$225..... 225 00

## Shaw, Elisha H—

Wood land on town line, 4 acres, \$50..... 50 00

## Spaulding, Isaiah B.—

Hollis lot, 21 acres, \$315; Puffer lot, 12 acres, \$250..... 565 00

## Wright, Calvin T.—

Baptist pond lot, 16 acres, \$500..... 500 00

## Worden, B. F.—

Wood land on Oak hill, 18 acres, \$270..... 270 00

## Willistead &amp; Marinell—

Sprout land, on Oak hill, 34 acres, \$340..... 340 00

## Ward, John—

Part of home place, 12 acres, \$180; Tadmuck swamp lot, 6 acres, \$100..... 280 00

## Worthen, Luanna F.—

Spaulding hill lot, 7 acres, \$200; Grassy pond lot, 30 acres, \$300..... 500 00

## Gould &amp; Swett—

Land on Oak hill, 1 1-4 acres, \$100..... 100 00

## Graves, Marshall E.—

Hammond lot, 5 acres, \$100; Puffer lot, 4 acres, \$75; Brook pasture, 4 acres, \$100..... 275 00

## Carkin, Augusta Mrs.—

House, \$200; barn and hen-house, \$250; home place, 18 acres, \$200..... 650 00

## Clough, Moza A.—

House and shed, \$750 ; barn, shed and hen-house, \$775 ; home place, 109 acres, \$2475 .....	4,000 00
1 horse, \$25 ; 12 cows, \$360 .....	385 00

## Spaulding, Albert M.—

Land on Oak hill, 18 acres, \$400 .....	400 00
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## CHICOPEE FALLS.

## Garvey, Bridget—

Land near Nashua and Acton depot, Graniteville, 1-4 acre, \$25 .....	25 00
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## CONCORD.

## Woods, Daniel H—

Wright lot, 42 acres, \$650 .....	650 00
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## CLARENCE, MO.

## Sweetser, John, heirs of—

Hutchins lot, 14 acres, \$700 .....	700 00
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## DORCHESTER.

## Wright, Kendall, Mrs—

Providence meadow, 1 acre, \$25 .....	25 00
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## DERRY, N. H.

## Morse, J. B—

Nabnasset Pond lot, 4 acres, \$50 .....	50 00
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## FREE SOIL, ILL.

## Holmes, George—

House and shed, \$600 ; home place, 1-2 acre, \$40..	640 00
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## GROTON.

## Fletcher &amp; Woods—

Snake Meadow lot, 16 acres, \$300 .....	300 00
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## Woods, Augustus—

Texas wood lot, 8 acres, \$75 .....	75 00
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## Balcom, John—

George O. Wright lot, 12 acres, \$200 .....	200 00
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## Nutting, George—

Dunn lot, 16 acres, \$200 .....	200 00
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## Richardson, George—

Green lot, 5 acres, \$175 .....	175 00
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## HUDSON, N. H.

Danforth, John—

Spaulding place, 53 acres, \$1300.....	1,300 00
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## GLOUCESTER.

Morse, George—

Wood land on Oak Hill, 21 acres, \$285.....	285 00
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## HUDSON.

Prescott, Joseph F—

House and shed, \$1400; barn and shop, \$350; home place, 1 1-2 acres, \$140; Beaver brook lot, 15 acres, \$225; Prescott lot, 9 acres, \$50; wood land on Littleton line, 2 acres, \$40 .....	2,205 00
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Prescott, Elwin J—

Ledge lot, 3 acres, \$200.....	200 00
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## LAWRENCE.

Bickford, H M—

Albany wood lot, 18 acres, \$90.....	90 00
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Swan, Henry E—

Wood land on Oak hill, 13 acres, \$400; pasture land on town line, 1 acre, \$25; Osgood lot, 21 acres, \$200.....	625 00
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Hutchins, John—

Cookson lot, 25 acres, \$200.....	200 00
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## LEOMINSTER.

Wright, Frank B—

Elsewhere wood lot, 36 acres, \$360; Spaulding hill lot, 10 acres, \$140.....	500 00
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## LEXINGTON.

Fletcher, Frank A—

Reed lot, 25 acres, \$225; Texas wood lot, 12 acres, \$100; Tuttle lot, 23 acres, \$230.....	555 00
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## LITTLETON.

Conant, Albert F—

Storehouse, \$300.....	300 00
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Conant, George E—

Cutter lot, 30 acres, \$700.....	700 00
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Copp, A P Mrs—

Pasture on town line, 12 acres, \$480.....	480 00
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## Flagg, Varnum—

Nashoba lot, 30 acres, \$360; Reed lot, 28 acres, \$700 .....	1,060 00
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## Houghton, Charles—

Bartlett meadow, 5 acres, \$100 .....	100 00
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## Houghton, James C., heirs of—

Tadmuck swamp lot, 1-8 acre, \$10 .....	10 00
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## Houghton, Daniel G.—

Pasture on town line, 4 acres, \$80 .....	80 00
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## Kimball, Allen—

Pasture and meadow, on Littleton line, 24 acres, \$480 .....	480 00
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## Prouty, Gardner—

Jockey lot, 10 acres, \$600; Beaver brook lot, 3 acres, \$50; Tadmuck swamp lot, $\frac{3}{4}$ acre, \$30 .....	680 00
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## Manning, Otis, heirs of—

Part of home place, 4 acres, \$200; Needham lot, 13 acres, \$520 .....	720 00
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## Roulliard, Louis—

Wood and meadow land on Littleton line, 23 acres, \$230 .....	230 00
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## Whitney, Emery J—

Tadmuck swamp lot, 1-2 acre, \$20 .....	20 00
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## Flagg, Clifton E—

Wood land on Littleton line, 3 acres, \$300 .....	300 00
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## Brown, Marshall—

Part of home place, 75 acres, \$1875 .....	1,875 00
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## Reed &amp; Jeffrey—

Kimball meadow, 7 acres, \$120 .....	120 00
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## Hoar, Reuben J—

House and shed, \$475; barn and shed, \$300; home place, 4 acres, \$175 .....	950 00
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## Hartwell, Charles P Mrs -

Whitney meadow, 5 acres, \$50 .....	50 00
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## LOWELL.

## Murphy, Edward—

House and shed, \$400; barn and shop, \$200; home place, 38 acres, \$450 .....	1,050 00
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## Blair, George F—

Plain lot, 6 acres, \$50 .....	50 00
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Brown, S. A. heirs of—	
Wright lot, 28 acres, \$350.....	350 00
Buttrick, Alden, heirs of—	
Heywood lot, 18 acres, \$125.....	125 00
Bowers, Joseph—	
House and shed, \$100 ; Wright lot, 2 acres, \$50....	150 00
Cummings, George—	
Ledge lot on Carlisle line, 2 1-2 acres, \$25....	25 00
Duren, Edward—	
Tower lot, 13 acres, \$250.....	250 00
Fletcher, Marcellus—	
8 house lots in Graniteville, 2 3-8 acres, \$300.....	300 00
Fletcher, Abbie E—	
Sargent house, \$375 ; home place, 3-4 acre, \$100...	475 00
O'Brien, John W—	
New house, \$425 ; home place, 1 3-4 acres, \$200....	625 00
Hildreth, Charles L—	
House and shed, \$1400 ; Rogers house, \$600 ; barn, shop, wind mill and tower, \$1700 ; home place, 3 1-8 acre, \$750 ; Rogers land, 1-8 acre, \$100 ; Lackey lot, 3 acres, \$75 ; Zachery lot, 10 acres, \$400 ; Zachery lot, No. 2, 10 acres, \$1300 ; Proctor lot, 9 acres, \$500.....	6,825 00
3 horses, \$250 ; 3 cows, \$90, 1 two-year-old, \$20 ; 3 carriages, \$200.....	560 00
Hildreth, Ella, Miss—	
House and shed, \$3200 ; wind mill, tower and tank, \$350 ; home place, 2 acres, \$500.....	4,050 00
Fletcher, Hugh—	
Blood lot, 16 acres, \$125.....	125 00
Morse, W. W.—	
House and shed, \$200 ; barn, \$75 ; home place, 112 acres, \$1120 ; Parker lot, 27 acres, \$160..	1,555 00
Mozuzan, Eunice F. Mrs.—	
House and shed, \$550 ; barn, \$150 ; home place, 1 acre, \$125.....	825 00
Johnson, Walter M—	
Starbird lot, 40 acres. \$500.....	500 00
Bartlett, Robert G—	
House and shed, \$900 ; barn and carriage house, \$250 ; home place, 1-2 acre, \$225.....	1,375 00

## Perham &amp; Wilson—

Tadmuck swamp lot, 20 acres, \$200.....	200 00
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## Pratt, M C, heirs of—

Hildreth lot, 65 acres, \$1300.....	1,300 00
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## Richardson, Daniel—

Meadow and wood land on Tyngsboro line, 30 acres, \$550.....	550 00
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## Whitney, Nathaniel—

House and shed, \$200 ; barn and shed, \$100 ; home place, 9 acres, \$180.....	480 00
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## Green, Harry C—

Tadmuck swamp lot, 3 acres, \$30.....	30 00
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## Gage, Daniel—

Keyes lot, 9 acres, \$108 ; Sweetser lot, 85 acres, \$2550 ; Robbins lot, No. 1, 10 acres, \$200 ; Rob- bins lot, No. 2, 9 acres, \$272 ; Foster lot, 6 acres, \$240 ; Kimball lot, 9 acres, \$270 ; Goldsmith lot, 35 acres, \$245 ; Hapgood lot, 38 acres, \$1520 ; Tadmuck swamp lot, 15 acres, \$105 ; Shepard lot, 60 acres, \$2200 ; White lot, 23 acres, \$575 ; Abbott lot, 22 acres, \$220 ; Byam wood lot, 23 acres, \$160.....	8,505 00
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## Parker, Elbridge G—

Robbins lot, 16 acres, \$300 ; Hoar lot, 10 acres, \$175 ; Laws lot, 20 acres, \$420.....	895 00
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## Riley, Bernard—

Wood land on Acton line, 25 acres, \$250.....	250 00
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## Stiles, A G—

Dominie lot, 55 acres, \$1000.....	1,000 00
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## Simpson, Adnathan—

House and shed, \$350 ; barn, \$150 ; home place, 73 acres, \$1000.....	1,500 00
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## Smith, Ethan A—

Land west of T J Sherburne, 12 acres, \$125 .....	125 00
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## Varnum, Charles F—

Snake meadow lot, 14 acres, \$100 ; Rabbit swamp and Carlin lot, 61 acres, \$900 ; Dug hill lot, 44 acres, \$400.....	1,400 00
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## Whidden, Augustus Mrs—

House and shed, \$100 ; barn, \$100 ; home place, 16 acres, \$200 ; Farrar lot, 9 acres, \$100.....	500 00
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Hutchins, Bertram—	
Parker lot, 8 acres, \$100.....	100 00
Staples, Delia Mrs—	
House and shed, \$350 ; barn and hen-house, \$500 ; home place, 31 acres, \$500.....	1,350 00
Young, Robert S—	
House and shed, \$450 ; barn, shed and hen-house, \$200 ; carriage shed, \$200 ; new hen-house, \$50 ; home place, 25 acres, \$600.....	1,500 00
1 horse, \$60 ; 2 cows, \$60 ; 3 swine, \$32.....	152 00
Turcotte, N T—	
Home place, 16 acres, \$300 ; Hildreth lot, 3 acres, \$100.....	400 00
Russell, Sarah Mrs—	
House, \$450 ; barn, \$100 ; home place, 16 acres, \$300	850 00
Robinson, Pamelia Mrs—	
House, \$125.....	125 00
McMaster, Fred A—	
2 horses, \$150 ; 1 carriage, \$30.....	180 00
Blood, Charles W—	
House and shop, \$800 ; home place, $\frac{1}{8}$ acre, \$70....	870 00
Daily, Maurice—	
House and shed, \$250 ; shop, \$25 ; home place, 49 acres, \$490.....	765 00

## LYNN.

Parrott, B. F—	
House on J. F. Prescott land, \$150.....	150 00

## LACONIA, N. H.

Moulton, John C—	
Patten lot, 22 acres, \$200 ; Prescott & Fletcher lot, 15 acres, \$200 ; Reed lot, 25 acres, \$300 ; Howe lot, 2 acres, \$50 ; Hutchins lot, 1 acre, \$25 ; Blodgett lot, 48 acres, \$850.....	1,625 00

## LAKEWOOD, N. Y.

Lamont, Clifford—	
House and shed, \$350 ; barn, shop and hen-house, \$260 ; home place, 23 acres, \$500.....	1,110 00

## MILFORD, N. H.

Reed, Sarah, Mrs—	
Carter lot, 30 acres, \$600.....	600 00

## NASHUA, N. H.

Wright, Charles M—

Wright lot, 25 acres, \$500 ; Butterfield lot, 37 acres, \$925.....	1,425 00
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## NEW YORK CITY.

Turnbull, Samuel—

Pratt lot, 19 acres, \$500.....	500 00
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Whiting, S. S. heirs of—

House and shed, \$1000 ; barn and shop, \$325 ; home place, 1 1-2 acres, \$375 ; Stone Bridge lot, 4 acres, \$300 ; Zachery lot, 3 acres, \$350 ; Reed lot, 11 acres, \$400 ; North wood lot, 7 acres, \$350.....	3,100 00
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Goulding, Henry C—

House, \$700 ; home place, 3 1-2 acres, \$100.....	800 00
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## SOMERVILLE.

Fiske, B. N—

Tadmuck Swamp, 8 acres, \$120 ; land east of E. Heywood's, 12 acres, \$225.....	345 00
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## PEPPERELL.

Clawson, Huldah—

Blodgett lot, 1 acre, \$75.....	75 00
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Parker, Ella Mrs—

House and shed, \$250 ; barn and shed, \$125 ; home place, 60 acres, \$600.....	975 00
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## PEABODY.

Prescott, Samuel A—

House and shed, \$600 ; home place, 1 acre, \$100..	700 00
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## PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Wing, Thomas—

House, \$1500 ; barn, \$50 ; home place, 1-8 acre, \$90	1,640 00
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## QUINCY.

Barker, Henry—

Wood land on Oak hill, 8 acres, \$200.....	200 00
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## WINDHAM, N. H.

Sheldon, Samuel—

Hildreth lot, 6 acres, \$100.....	100 00
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## WALTHAM.

Parker, George A—

House and shed, \$600 ; barns and corn barn, \$350 ; home place, 46 acres, \$690 ; Corey meadow, 2 1-2 acres, \$50 ; Marble lot, 6 acres, \$100 ; Kidder lot, 6 acres, \$100 ; Kidder lot, No. 2, 20 acres, \$400 ; Herrick lot, 5 acres, \$75 ; Butler lot, 40 acres, \$400.....	2,765 00
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## TYNGSBORO.

Bennett, Joseph—

Wood land on Oak hill, 40 acres, \$1340.....	1,340 00
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Bennett, Zephaniah, heirs of—

Meadow land on Tyngsboro line, 6 acres, \$150....	150 00
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Wright, Otis L—

Rabbit swamp, 10 acres, \$75.....	75 00
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Wright, Samuel R, Mrs—

Wood land on Oak hill, 18 acres, \$450 .....	450 00
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Cummings, Jephtha, heirs of—

Blodgett lot, 10 acres, \$253.....	253 00
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Drake, Jacob, heirs of—

Wood land on Oak hill, 16 acres, \$200 .....	200 00
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Tyng, Catherine M—

Land on town line, 4 acres, \$100 ; exempt.....	
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## PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

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Westford Academy—	
Buildings and land, \$5250. ....	
Personal property, \$50,271. ....	55,521 00
Westford, First Parish—	
Buildings and land. ....	5,000 00
Union Society—	
Buildings and land. ....	4,000 00
Methodist Episcopal Society—	
Buildings and land. ....	6,000 00
Baptist Mission Society—	
Buildings and land. ....	700 00
Catholic Church at Graniteville—	
Buildings and land. ....	3,000 00
Schoolhouse, No. 1—	
Buildings and land. ....	3,500 00
Schoolhouse, No. 2—	
Buildings and land. ....	1,200 00
Schoolhouse, No. 3—	
Buildings and land. ....	3,800 00
Schoolhouse, No. 4—	
Buildings and land. ....	1,500 00
Schoolhouse, No. 5—	
Buildings and land. ....	1,800 00
Schoolhouse, No. 6—	
Buildings and land. ....	1,500 00
Schoolhouse, No. 7—	
Buildings and land. ....	1,500 00
Schoolhouse, No. 8—	
Buildings and land. ....	1,600 00
Schoolhouse, No. 9—	
Buildings and land. ....	1,500 00
Schoolhouse, No. 10—	
Buildings and land. ....	4,500 00
Town house—	
Buildings and land. ....	13,500 00

Public library—	
Land and books.....	6,600 00
Town farm—	
Buildings and land.....	6,000 00
Public parks—	
Land.....	1,500 00
Cemeteries—	
Public burial grounds.....	1,500 00
Fire apparatus—	
Buildings and contents .....	350 00
Trust funds.....	2,000 00

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

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Value of buildings, exclusive of land, May 1, 1895.	\$605,835 00
Value of land, exclusive of buildings, May 1, 1895.	420,543 00
Value of personal estate, May 1, 1895.....	227,006 00
	<hr/> \$1,253,384 00

### Amount raised for

Purchase of books for library.....	\$ 150 00
Burial grounds.....	300 00
Roads and bridges.....	3,500 00
Town debts and charges.....	3,000 00
Schools.....	5,200 00
Support of poor.....	2,800 00
Text books and supplies.....	450 00
Transportation of scholars.....	100 00
	<hr/> \$15,500 00
State tax.....	\$ 825 00
County tax.....	1,302 51
Overlayings.....	263 15
	<hr/> \$17,890 66

Number of polls .....	673
Houses.....	472
Horses.....	456
Cows .....	674
Sheep .....	45
Swine.....	106
Fowls.....	1,800
Cattle other than cows.....	121
Total number of acres of land assessed.	18,000
Tax on one hundred dollars.....	\$1.32
Stocks in corporations without the state.	\$14,139

1884,	total	valuation	\$1,021,577 00 ;	rate,	\$17 30	on	\$1000 00
1885,	"	"	1,026,522 00 ;	"	10 90	"	"
1886,	"	"	1,008,640 00 ;	"	12 90	"	"
1887,	"	"	1,054,407 00 ;	"	11 00	"	"
1888,	"	"	1,064,618 00 ;	"	12 60	"	"
1889,	"	"	1,074,750 00 ;	"	12 60	"	"
1890,	"	"	1,079,853 00 ;	"	11 20	"	"
1891,	"	"	1,117,564 00 ;	"	6 20	"	"
1892,	"	"	1,142,585 00 ;	"	10 00	"	"
1893,	"	"	1,159,397 00 ;	"	11 80	"	"
1894,	"	"	1,146,688 00 ;	"	15 00	"	"
1895,	"	"	1,253,384 00 ;	"	13 20	"	"















